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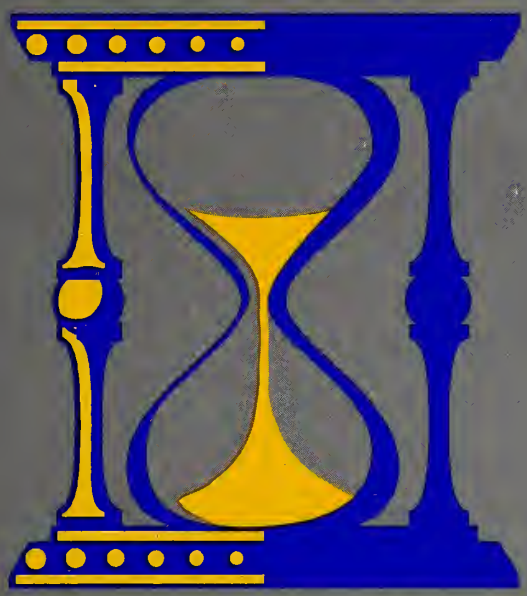

Thirty-Second
Annual Alumni Association Homecoming

April 1-4, 1999

Oakwood College
Huntsvile, Alabama

OAKWOOD COLLEGE ARCHIVES

Oakwood College

Alumni Association

Welcomes Alumni and Friends
to the
32nd Annual Homecoming

The Oaks

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Message from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends of the College:

Welcome to our 32nd Homecoming Reunion Celebration. Planning for this event has been a high priority for the National Alumni Association and the College. Our goal is to make this weekend enjoyable, informative, and commemorative.

The new millennium is right before us, and Oakwood College is preparing for it in a variety of ways. Our strategic goals are clear: spiritual vitality, educational excellence, a nurturing environment, operational efficiency, resource development, institutional relations, and technology leadership.

Currently, we are preparing for the new millennium and the Second Coming of Christ by such activities as: COUNTDOWN 2000, a new emphasis on the integration of faith and learning in an Adventist context, collaboration with other institutions of higher learning, distance learning, and other programs. Of course, a high point is our plan to become a university with graduate programs by year 2002.

As you prepare for the future, please plan to spend extra time on campus for the special programs connected with "Alumni 2000." So during this 1999 homecoming, let's enjoy our time together and jointly commit to helping Oakwood achieve the highest possible standard of excellence.

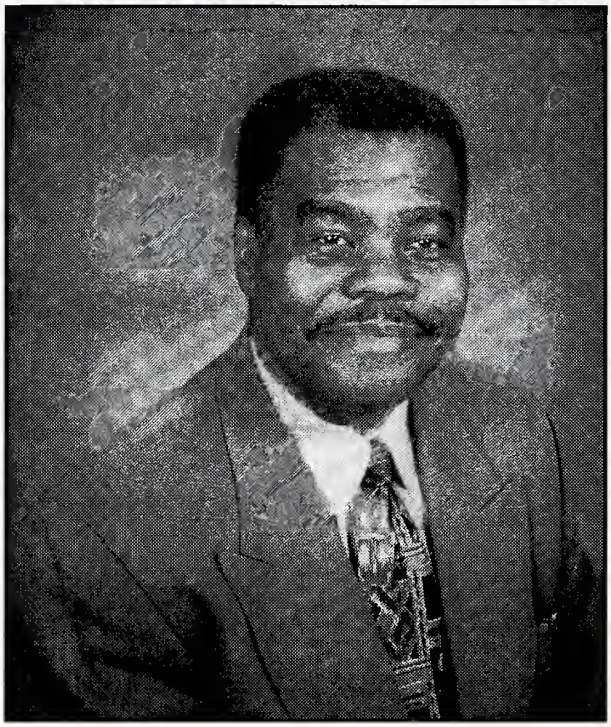
Be sure we are collectively committed to do our part to continue preparing our students academically as well as spiritually, with the very best in *Education and Excellence,* while preparing for *Eternity.*

May God continue to bless you with the richest blessing and success.

Very sincerely,

Delbert W. Baker, Ph.D.
President

Welcome to the Thirty-Second Annual Oakwood College Alumni Homecoming!!!



Alumni and friends, this pre-millennium homecoming reunion should cause us to reflect on the blessings that our God has poured upon our campus and the lives of its graduates.

We are excited about seeing the vast improvements on our campus and chatting with classmates from the years of the 9's, the 25th and 50 year classes.

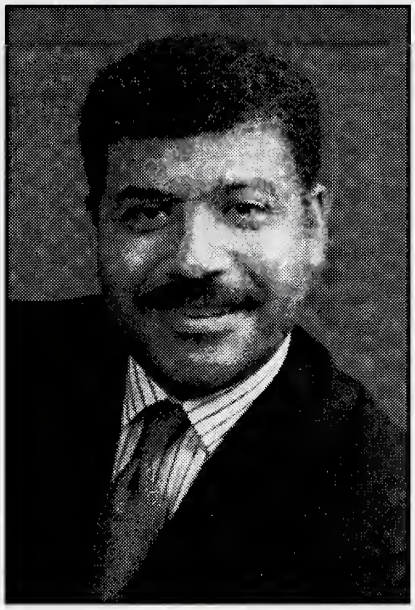
Please avail yourselves to all of the planned activities for this weekend. Take the time out to speak and encourage students on the campus.

We are again seeking mentors for our students. They need the expert guidance that you can convey to them.

On behalf of the OCAA Executive Officers and Alumni Members we are privileged to welcome you back home.

Edward Woods, Jr. President
Oakwood College Alumni Association

Advancement and Development



Dear Friends:

We stand on the threshold of a new century, it is just months away. This Homecoming is the last one of the nineteen hundreds. The historic events surrounding a millennial change are exciting. It also reminds us that we are people of prophecy, and the hastening of the day of the Lord is more of a reality that ever before.

However, we have a big job of winning the world for Christ in the few remaining years. This is why we hope you remember that a donation to the Oakwood College Alumni Association is helping in the overall task that Oakwood College has of training young workers in accomplishing the mission of the Church. Welcome home!

Best Wishes,

Auldwin T. Humphrey
Vice-President for Advancement & Development

Welcome Message

Beverly S. Robinson, Director Alumni Relations/ General Homecoming Coordinator

On behalf of the Alumni Relations office, we wish to welcome each of you to Oakwood College Alumni Homecoming Weekend 1999 – "The last homecoming in this millennium!" We have many new and exciting activities planned for your reunion enjoyment. Please know that we welcome you and look forward to seeing you this year.

1999 Parents of the Year
Cairy and Lois Frankie Lester

Cairy and Lois Frankie Fordham Lester are avid supporters of Christian Education, Oakwood College, and the A. Samuel Rashford Chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association.

Lois Frankie graduated valedictorian with a B.S. in Elementary Education from Oakwood in 1958. She earned her M.A. degree from Tennessee State. She is presently completing her 36th year as a teacher in the Seventh-day Adventist School system. She was awarded the Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award in 1990. Lois, daughter of the late Elder Walter W. Fordham, is a second generation Oakwood graduate.

Though a graduate with a B.S. degree from Ohio State University, Cairy and his wife desired that their children partake of the "Oakwood Experience" so they sent all six of them to Oakwood College:

Karen: 1985 Oakwood graduate with a B.S. in Business Administration and Computer Science. Presently an accountant for Lake Region Conference in Chicago. Her church activities include Sabbath School Teacher, Investment Leader, and Deaconess.

Lynette: 1987 Oakwood graduate with B.S. in business. Presently a S.D.A. educator teaching in College Park, Florida.

Cairy II: Cum Laude Oakwood graduate 1987 with a B.S. in Economics. 1994 graduate, University of California with a J.S. degree. He is employed by Bank of America. Cairy serves as a Sabbath School Teacher.

Lois Marie: Summa Cum Laude 1994 Oakwood graduate with B.S. in Social Work. Master's degree 1995 from Ohio State University. Presently employed as a Clinical Director of Youth Services in Columbus, Ohio.

Lisa: 1997 Oakwood graduate with a B.S. in Education. She is employed as a teacher in Atlanta, Georgia.

Lorice: 1997 Oakwood graduate, A.S. degree in Nursing. She is a registered nurse employed at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Parents, Cairy and Lois give God the glory for providing the means, through hard work, grants, and sacrifice, that enabled them to provide an Oakwood education for their children. They now look forward to their 7 grandchildren: Lillian, David, Mariah, Jocelyn, Cierra, Catrine, and Nia to carry the torch and become distinguished alumni of Oakwood College during the 21st Century.

Oakwood has helped the Lester children develop talents and abilities and also provide preparation for the heavenly kingdom. All six children are practicing members and workers for the Seventh-day Adventist Church!

Ebenezer Seventh-day Adventist Chruch

Congratulates The Family of the Year

Frankie and Cairy Lester

The Ebenezer SDA Church salutes Oakwood College for many years of excellent leadership in educational services, and its continual commitment to the spiritual development of its students.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Uncle Cairy and Frankie.

We are very, very proud of you. You have achieved quite an accomplishment! Just think, every one of your children graduated from Oakwood College. It is clear that you have a commitment to both higher education and Christian education.

God Bless You.

Bennie, Lorraine, Denise and Jennifer Thompson

Congratulations and
Best wishes to

Cairy and Frankie Fordham Lester

Parents of the Year

In Loving Memory of our Parents
Elder and Mrs. W. W. Fordham

Walter and Shirley Fordham, Jr. and our children
Walter and Marla Fordham, III
Furman and Jennifer Fordham, II
Keith and Evelyn Fordham Goodman

Congratulations to our Parents
Cairy and Lois Frankie Lester

We Love you
David
Robert
Charlene
Tyson

The restoration and uplifting of humanity begins in the home. The work of parents underlies every other. Society is composed of families, and what the heads of families make it. Out of the heart are "the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23); and the heart of the community, of the church, and of the nation is the household. The well being of society, the success of the church, the prosperity of the nation depends upon home influences.

Life is a training school from which Parents and Children are to be graduated to the higher school in the mansions of God.

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SUCCESS AND BEST WISHES

ON

BEING THE OAKWOOD COLLEGE PARENTS FOR THE YEAR OF 1999

COMPLIMENTS

TO

CAIRY & LOIS FRANKIE LESTER

FROM THE LAKE REGION CONFERENCE of SDA

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TO THE PARENT HONOREES

We know that you both truly believe in Christian Education, proven by the fact that you have sent your six children to Christian School and Oakwood College. As Parent Honorees you are products of the Lester, Palmer and Fordham families, which produced many of our leaders in the SDA Denominational World Field, Regional and General Conference. Their Professions include Doctors, Lawyers, Preachers, Teachers, Treasurers, Presidents (Regional Conference) Departmental Leaders (Regional and General Conference) spreading their many talents and expertise over a span of more than hundred (100) years.

We are very proud to have Karen Lester Smith as an employee of the Lake Region Conference working in the Treasury Department for over twelve (12) years - continuing in the work of her FAMILY.

The entire families continue to support Oakwood College. The Oakwood Parents of the year 1999 can also be proud of the fact that each of the children that married, met their spouse at Oakwood College.

Karen	David Smith
Lynette	Robert Sigh
Cairy	Charlene (Farrior)
Lois	Tyson Stepney
Lisa	
Lorice	

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU AND YOUR LOVELY FAMILY.

Congratulations to Our Parents
Cairy & Lois Frankie Lester
Oakwood College Parents of the Year 1999

Thank you for the sacrifice of Christian educaton you have made for ALL of us...

To Oakwood you all are parents of the year...1999
To us...you are parents of a lifetime.

Love,
Karen, Lynette, Cairy, Lois, Lisa, Lorice

Congratulations
to
Cairy & Lois Frankie Lester

Parents Of The Year

Our hearts were filled with joy, when we heard the news that you were selected as Parents of the Year. You truly deserve this honor. You are indeed an inspiration to any young couple beginning marriage, as well as to those already married.

Congratulations also to your beautiful children (Karen, Lynette, Cairy, Jr., Lois, Lisa, and Lorice) all Proud Graduates from Oakwood College.

May God continue to richly bless you all.

We Love You,
Elliott & Roselyn Jamison

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Matthew 5:6

Congratulations To Cairy and Frankie Lester

Thank you, Frankie, for your consistency in being there for our nieces and nephew.

"...Her children rise up and call her great; her husband also and he praises her."
Proverbs 31:28

Anne Palmer Jones
Julian Samuel Palmer, Jr.
Gladys Palmer Twiggs
Evelyn Palmer Exson

Compilments And Best Wishes
To
Cairy and Lois Frankie Lester
Oakwood College Parents of the Year 1999

In loving memory of my Father whose early
demise caused a great void in my life
My DAD was a very devoted family man
Who believed in Christian education
For his two children
Sending both to church school and our colleges
He could never do enough for his family.

A tribute to my Mother who has dedicated her life
to her family, with her strength and integrity.
Mother made her family first
And she had a heart of Gold that is always
filled with love and kindness.

I continue to give thanks to
God for giving me such loving and caring parents.
As long as Mother lives,
I will continue to feel that Dad, too, is close by.

A Devoted Son
Michael Angelo Blanchard, Jr.

It Is A Great Privilege To Have
Karen Lester Smith
and Her Family As Very Dear Friends
of Mother and I

CONGRATULATIONS---

Cairy and Frankie Lester and Family

Faithful labor always has rewards---

Dignity and Respect!

God Assures It.

Your Brother, Isaac, and Family

For Cairy and Frankie

Beloved friends, devoted parents,
exemplary Christians.
You are our Parents of the Year.

Our Love and Best Always.
Andrew and Ruby Beamon

CONGRATULATIONS

Cairy and Lois Frankie Lester
as Parents of the Year

We are proud of you
May God continue to
bless and keep you.

Josiah and Tretesious Lester

Congratulations and Best Wishes

Cairy Lester and Family

1999 Family of the Year

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Best Wishes
to
The Cairy Lester Family

THE GOAL OF TRUE EDUCATION
By Gary P. Frost

The goal of education is the students preparation
A person trained to know and stand for truth
the buillding is not able, nor are desks, or chairs or table.
Not even school committees can be proof.

But for those who sometimes waver there is a "student saver",
It's deep withing the hearts and pocketbooks
Of people who are caring and whose time and love are sharing
Upholding Christ who on their children looks.

For the training that they're gaining they'll not soon be disdaining
Instead they will give heedence to His call.
And when faced with tribulation or dishonest situations
they'll stand for right though all the heaven fall.

Then when Earth's class is ended and the children
you have tended
Will gather at the Master Teacher's knee
All the joy upon their faces earthly failures soon erases
At the commencement of Eternity.

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CONGRATULATIONS

FRANKIE AND CAIRY LESTER

Oakwood College National Alumni
Family of the Year

We Salute You For Your
Outstanding Contribution
To Christian Education in our Land.

God Bless You Now and Always

from
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Congratulations

Oakwood College Parents of the Year 1999

Cairy and Lois Frankie Lester

A most deserved honor
Your tireless efforts have been
fruitful and have not gone unnoticed

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Congratulations
Cairy and Lois Frankie Lester

"1999 Parents of the Year"
and your six **"CHILDREN OF OAKWOOD"**

From officers and members - A. S. Rashford Chapter

President: Dr. Stennett H. Brooks
Vice Presidents: Eardell Rashford, Udell Darville
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Public Relations: Edna Lett Williamson
NE Vice President: Violet Thompson

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Congratulations

Cairy and Lois Frankie Lester

Oakwood College

"Parents of the Year"

John Tillman

"Northeastern Certificate of Merit Honoree"

and all other 1999 honorees

Godrey and Henrietta Jackson

Congratulations and
Best Wishes to

Frankie and Cairy Lester
And Family
1999 Family of the Year

We Thank God for the
contributions you have
made to Christian Education
and Oakwood College

Compliments of
The Darville Family

CONGRATULATIONS!
FRANKIE AND CAIRY

In your honor, and in memory of my sister and brother-in-law Elder and Mrs. Walter W. Fordham, I wish to dedicate this page.

Evelyn A. Winston '34

CONGRATULATIONS!
FRANKIE AND CAIRY
FAMILY OF THE YEAR

In your honor, and in memory of Elder and Mrs. Walter W. Fordham and Mrs. Frances Booker, We wish to dedicate this page.

Audrey and Robert
Cheryl and Noelle
Robbie, Diane, and Alexis

The Jackson Heights SDA Elementary School
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"Forty Years of Educational Excellence"

The School Board sends it warmest congratulations to

Cairy and Lois

And its continued prayers for the success
Of their family

Congratulations
to

Cairy and Frankie Lester

on being selected as
Parents of the Year
by the
Oakwood College
National Alumni Association

Bubby, Rhonda and Lucille
Wagner

Congratulations...

"1999 Family of the Year"

Cairy and Lois Frankie Lester

Children

Karen

Lynette

Cairy

Lois Marie

Lisa

Lorice

ALL OAKWOODITES

Compliments of
Edna Lett Williamson - former Oakwood Teacher
Judge Eardell J. Rashford - Oakwood Board Member

Pastor and Mrs. C. D. Brooks
send a bouquet of love for

Cary and Frankie Lester

You surely represent the standards
and ideals of Oakwood College
and are well selected as the

"Parents of the Year"

God bless you and "all the little Lesters"

Congratulations to

Frankie and Cairy Lester

On your selection as
Parents of the Year

God has blessed you
and we congratulate you

From

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Association of Black Seventh-day Adventist Nurses

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South Central	*Eulalia Cooper*
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SouthWest	*Sharon Murff*
Oakwood College	*Selena Simon*

CONGRATULATIONS

Parents of the Year:

Cairy Lester and
Frankie Fordham Lester

We thank God for that ***sure foundation*** which was provided for you and which you have provided for your children!

We salute you with precious, loving memories of your parents, **Elder and Mrs. W. W. Fordham**--affectionately known to me as "**Mom**" and "**Pop**" and to my son, Michael, as "**Grandma Fordham**" and "**Grandpa Fordham**"!

Lily M. James, Ph. D.
Michael Leroy Bookhardt

Train Up a Child
in the way that he should go . . .

(Prov. 22:6)

The Northeastern Conference,

its Officers, Staff,

and over 40,000 Members

CONGRATULATE

Cairy & Lois Frankie Lester

on their selection as

PARENTS OF THE YEAR

by the

Oakwood College National Alumni Association

We thank you for your shining example of Christian Parenting!

Stennett H. Brooks President	*Trevor H.C. Baker* Secretary	*Larry D. Word* Treasurer

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Love,
Cairy Sr., Karen, Lynette, Cairy Jr., Lisa

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"The 1998 OCNAA Chapter of The Year"

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Parents of The Year
"The Best of The Blessed"

Mr. Cairy and Mrs. Lois Lester

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Julia Howard
Regional Vice President

P.O. Box 580507 Orlando, Florida 32858-0507

MR. & MRS. CAIRY LESTER

WE CONGRATULATE
BOTH OF YOU FOR THIS HIGH HONOR
FAMILY OF THE YEAR
1999
MAY GOD CONTINUE TO RICHLY BLESS
YOU BOTH
EACH OF THE CHILDREN
AND GRAND CHILDREN
WE LOVE YOU ALL DEARLY

"An Oakwood College Christian Education does truly pay"

Your cousins

Bert & Geri Reid

Claude & Jo Thomas

Cairy & Lois Frankie Lester
Congratulations on being chosen as the Oakwood Parents of the Year of 1999

Carolyn Palmer
Education Superintendent & Communication
Lake Region Conference of SDA

Congratulations To
Cairy & Lois Frankie Lester
"Parents of the Year"

In Loving Memory of
Elder & Mrs. Wilmont Fordham
Dr. Furman Fordham
Elder & Mrs. W.W. Fordham, Sr.
Elder Henry J. Fordham II

Wendell & Ruthie Perkins

Cairy and Lois Frankie Lester

Congratulations, May God Bless You and Your Family and Keep You in His Care

Carolyn Antonio

Congratulations to Cairy & Lois Frankie Lester

Mrs. Myrtle H. Clark
The Children's Grandmother

Cairy & Lois Frankie Lester

Best Wishes to a most deserving couple who have followed God's leading in giving all of their children a Christian education

Elder & Mrs. Gilbert Foster
Huntsville, Alabama

Best Wishes
to

Parents of the Year
Mr. and Mrs. Cairy Lester

Northeastern Certificate of Merit
John Tillman

From
Violet Thompson

Cairy and Frankie Lester

Best Wishes
May God bless the union of our families

Sterling and Alverda Stepney

Congratulations To The
Oakwood College
1999 Parents of the Year

Cairy & Lois Frankie Lester

Karen Felecia Smith

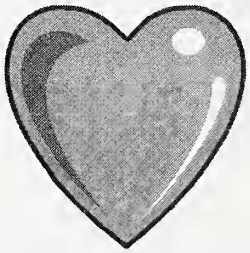
Congrulations
The Cairy Lester Family

Independence SDA Church
Chicago, Illinois

Nevilon Meadows, Pastor

Patrick, Sloan, Denise
and Charles Lester
Welcome OCNAA'S Recognition of
Aunt Frankie and Uncle Cairy
as
Parents of the Year!

All our love.



Best Wishes to
The Cairy Lester Family

From
Robert and Bettye Willis

Classic Installations
by Willis
Huntsville, Alabama

Congratulations To
The Cairy Lester Family
1999 Parents of the Year

Family Health Education Service
Chicago, Illinois

Eugene Anthony, Director

Alumna of the Year

Dr. Gwendolyn Burton-Ward

Gwendolyn Burton-Ward is a native of Los Angles California, born to Seventh-day Adventist parents. She and her five brothers and sisters were all products of Christian Education.

She received an Associate of Arts Degree in the field of Real Estate Education at which time she became a successful Broker in the State of California.

Her husband, a well-known Adventist Minister accepted a call to Oakwood College to build the first campus church since its inception in 1896. While pastoring this congregation for twenty-one (21) consecutive years, Gwen took advantage of the educational programs offered by Oakwood College.

In addition to her closely working with her husband, Pastor Eric Calvin Ward, she received a B.S. Degree in 1975 from Oakwood. Upon completing this degree in Business administration (summa cum laude) she worked with Beverly Clark-McDonald for two plus years in the Oakwood's Tutorial Program helping students with low GPA's improve their grades. Gwen and Bev also did most of the layout work for the 1975 College Yearbook after the elected editor left Alabama for another assignment.

In 1979 Gwen received a second B.S. Degree from Oakwood College in Business Education, also graduating Summa Cum Laude. She assisted her husband as secretary for the campus church for several years while matriculating at Alabama A & M University in Normal, Alabama. From this institution she received a Masters Degree in 1983 in the area of Business Education, graduating with high honors.

After receiving proper teaching credentials, she has taught school – both public and private – in the states of California, Georgia and Alabama.

For the last few years she has been Secretary and Office Manager to Fred Pullins in the Alumni Relations' Department located in East Hall on the beautiful campus of Oakwood. This position which involved many alumni and other college relative activities, gave her the privilege of working closely with both the National and Regional Leaders in the North American Division.

While pursuing the latter position at Oakwood, Gwen finally completed her Doctor of Philosophy Degree this year in the field of Education from LSU in Louisiana, graduating with a 4.0 grade point average. Gwen has been married to Pastor Eric Calvin Ward for over fifty years, and they are the proud parents of two grown sons and four grown daughters all of whom have graduated from Adventist Institutions. Five of the six attended Oakwood College and are now engaged in professional occupations.

The Wards have always been devoted, dedicated, staunch believers, as well as promoters of Christian Education, and they are happy and elated to have been associated with Oakwood College for over half a century.

Recipient's Award

Gwendolyn Ward, Ph.D.

Presented to

Dr. Gwen Ward

for soliciting over $10,000
in Journal Ads, which contribute to
an Alumni Student Scholarship Fund.

Congratulations & Best Wishes to Gwendolyn Ward, Ph.D.

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Gerry Field-Office Manager &
Christina Layne-Administrative Assistant

Congratulations and God Bless You

Gwendolyn Ward, Ph.D.

Alumna of the Year for 1999

You will always be remembered as:

1. A loyal Oakwoodite,
2. A great believer and supporter of Christian Education, as well as,
3. A faithful and dedicated co-worker with husband in the Seventh-day Adventist Church for over fifty years.

Compliments of Dr. Gideon and Delores Lewis and family

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CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

Gwendolyn M. Ward, Ph.D

ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

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All died looking forward to that "special resurrection".

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Lovice V. Cato

Congratulation
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For being chosen

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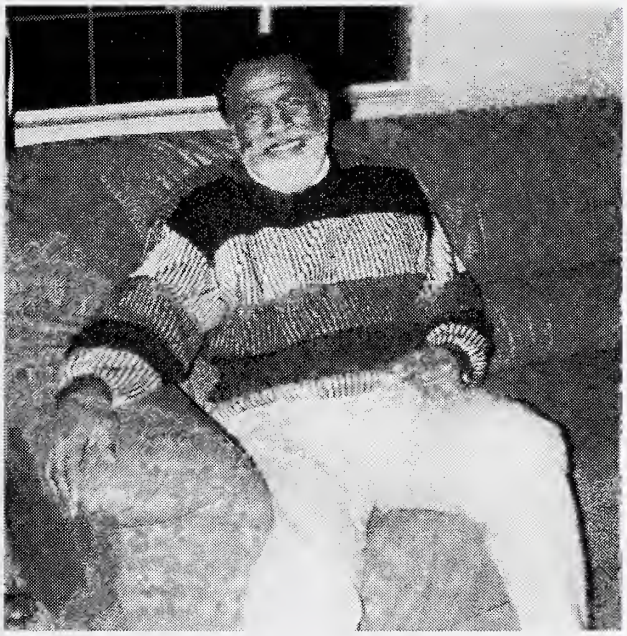

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Alumna of the Year
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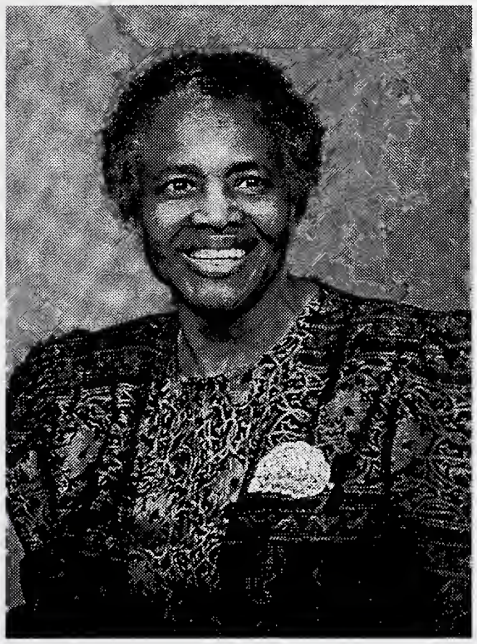

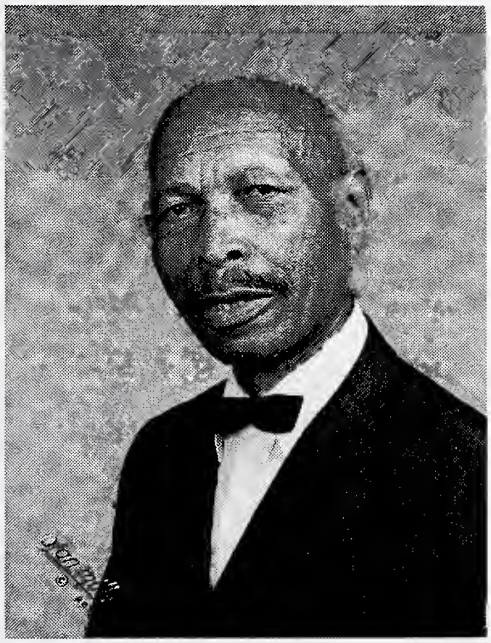

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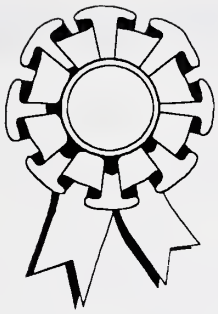

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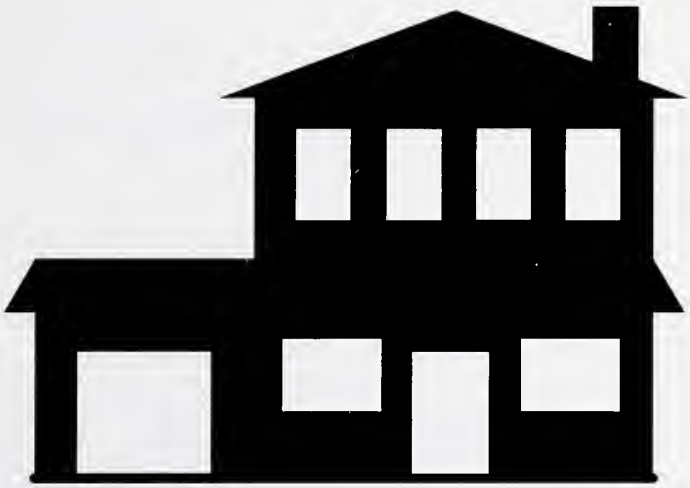

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- ~ Distinctive Dedication and Devotion to God's Service
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From Your Children:
Thomas, Gwendolyn, Margaret, Blanche, Ardith and Ellis

"Her Ways Are Pleasant, and all Her Paths Peaceful." Proverbs 3:17

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FRIEND

DR. GWENDOLYN M. WARD

We applaud you; you are most deserving for your outstanding achievement and being selected to receive the

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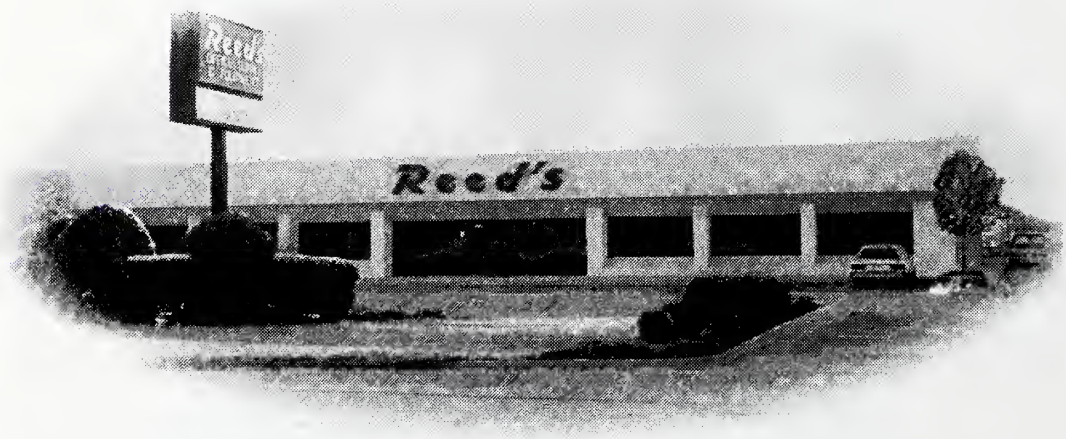

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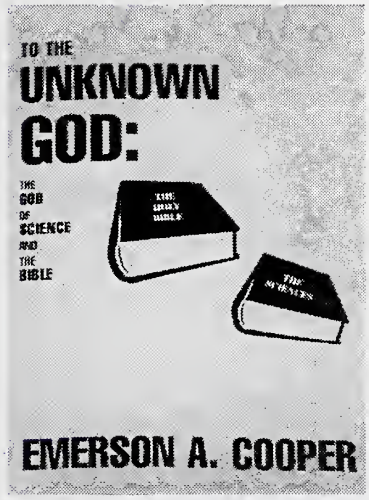

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Congratulations and Richest Blessings

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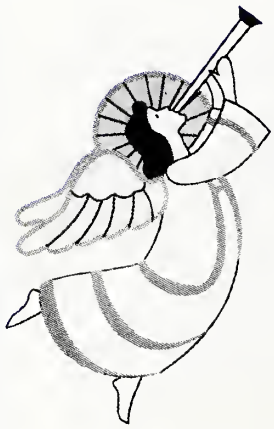

My loyal and dear friend
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Congratulations & Best Wishes

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on being elected

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"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord;
and great shall be the peace of thy children."
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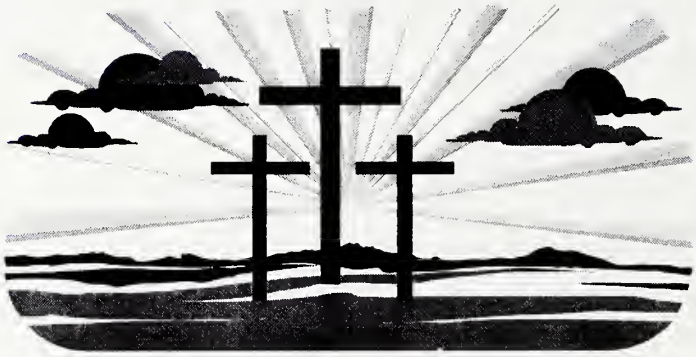

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Dr. Ward !

I celebrate your life & achievement. Thanks in advance from the many who will follow -- by setting the example to "Finish what you start !". I'll let a few of my favorite mentors say the rest...

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"People with primary greatness have a sense of stewardship about everything in life... I emphasize this principle of service or 'yolking up' because I have come to believe that any effort to become principle-centered without a load to carry simply will not succeed."
{Dr. Stephen R. Covey, Principle Centered Leadership, 1990.}

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{Dr. Dennis Kimbro, Storms of Perfection (Andrews), 1994.}

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{Rich Devos, Compassionate Capitalism, 1993.}

"Life, like a cathedral, is not so much to be admired for its external appearance & majesty... Life, like a cathedral, is more meaningful because of what goes on in the sanctity within."
{Dennis Waitley, Empires of the Mind, 1995.}

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden... let you light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds & praise your Father in heaven."
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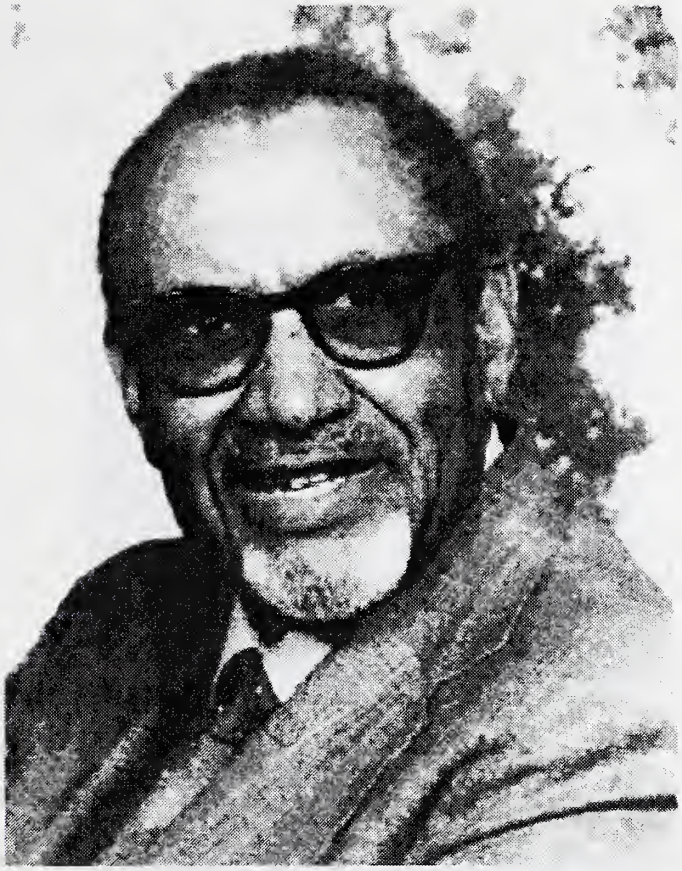

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We would like to dedicate this page in memory of our friend and brother, Elder George W. Timpson, Mid-America Union executive secretary from 1981-1996.

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Dr. Gwendolyn M. Ward

I take great pleasure in bestowing my warmest and heartiest congratulations to you on being named Alumna of the year for 1999 and I commend you on your successful completion of your Doctorate Degree.

This honor is representative of your many years of educational success and dedication to assisting others in reaching their educational and spiritual goals. I applaud you for being an inspiration to many and for also being a loving and caring Mother, Grandmother, and Wife (of over Fifty plus years). I continue to be in awe of your many talents. With love and admiration I celebrate this honor with you as I celebrate my life with you daily.

God's continued blessings of health, happiness and success. Well done – my love.

I love you,

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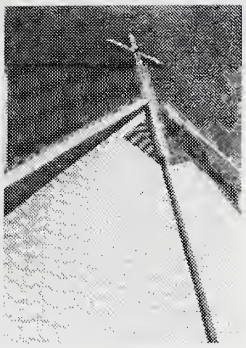

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>
> And there are those who have little and give it all.
>
> These are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their coffer is never empty.
>
> There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward.
>
> And there are those who give with pain, and that pain is their baptism.
>
> And there are those who give and know not pain in giving, nor do they seek joy, nor give with mindfulness of virtue;
>
> They give as in yonder valley the myrtle breathes its fragrance into space.
>
> Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth.
>
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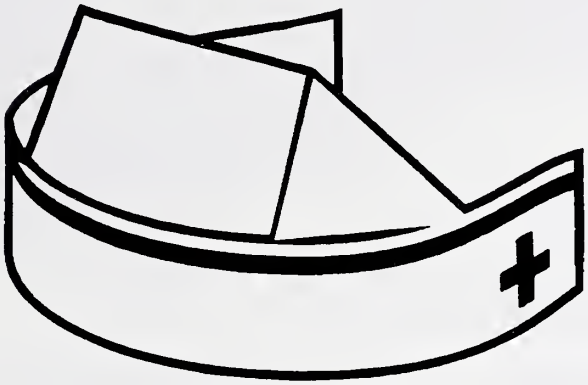

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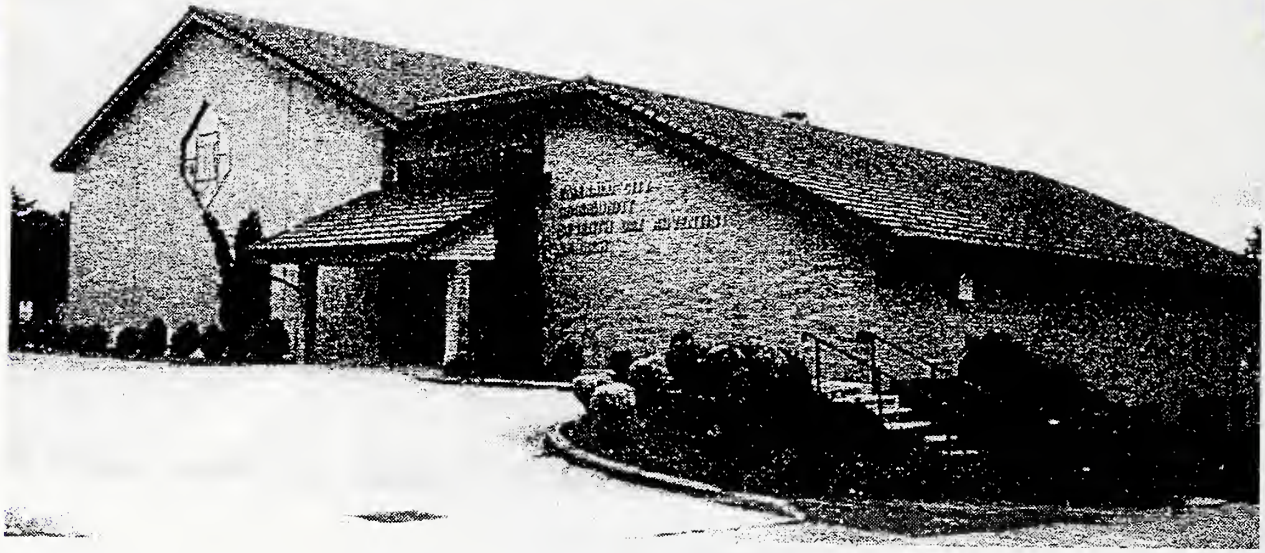

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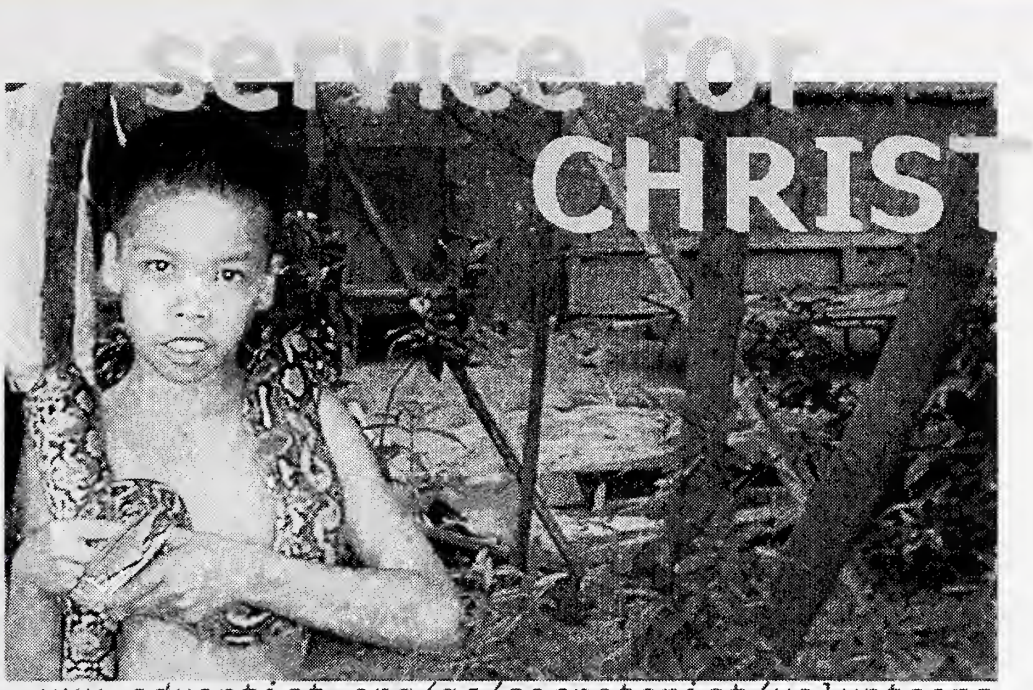

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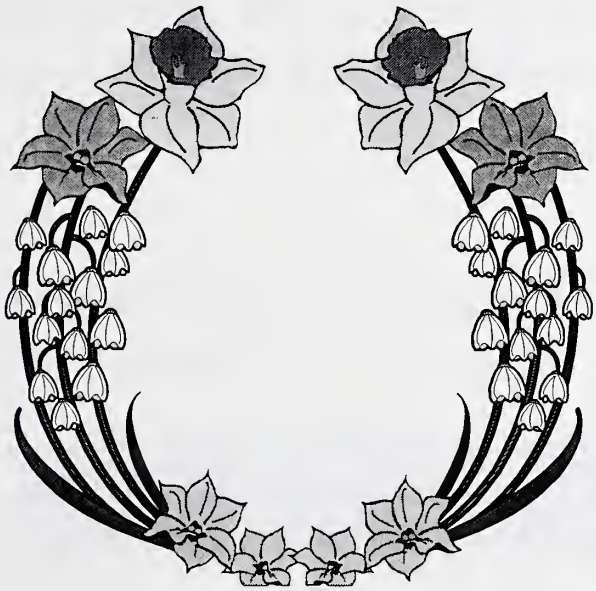

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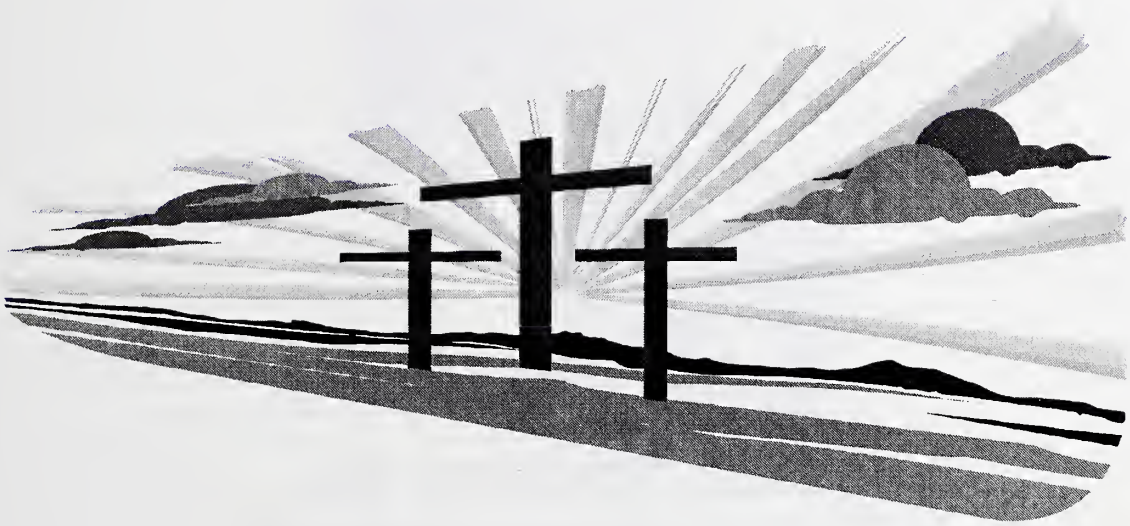

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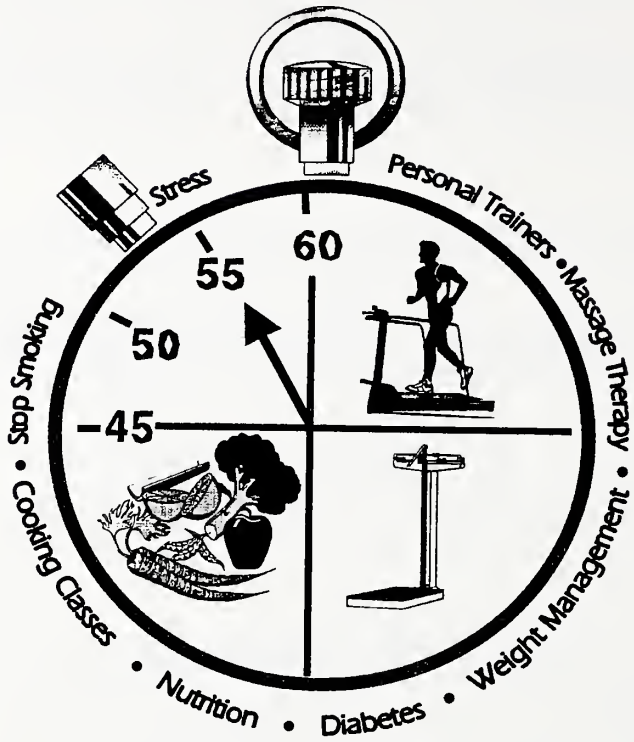

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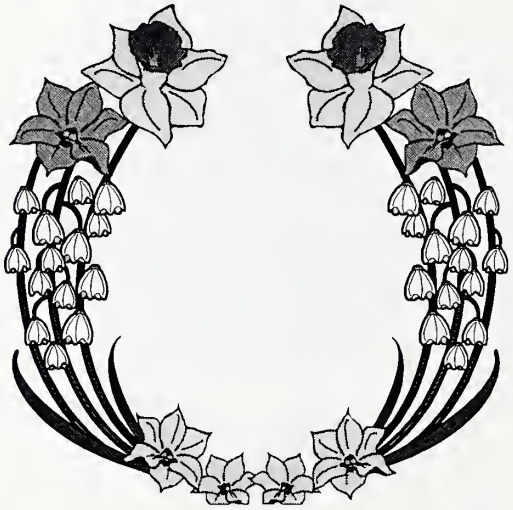

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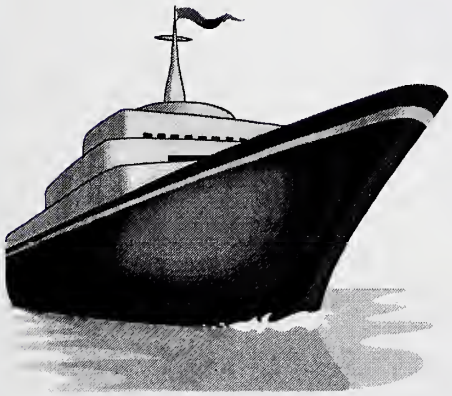

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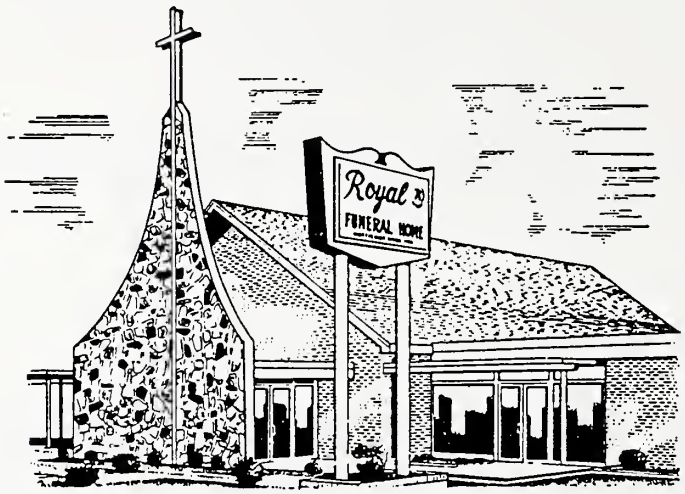

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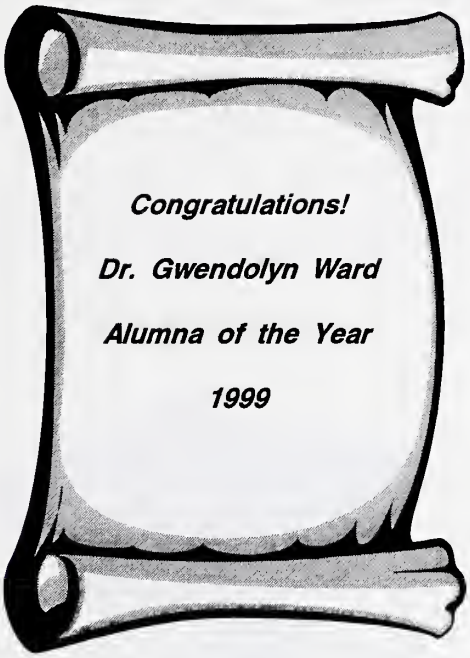

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To: Dr. Gwendolyn M. Ward

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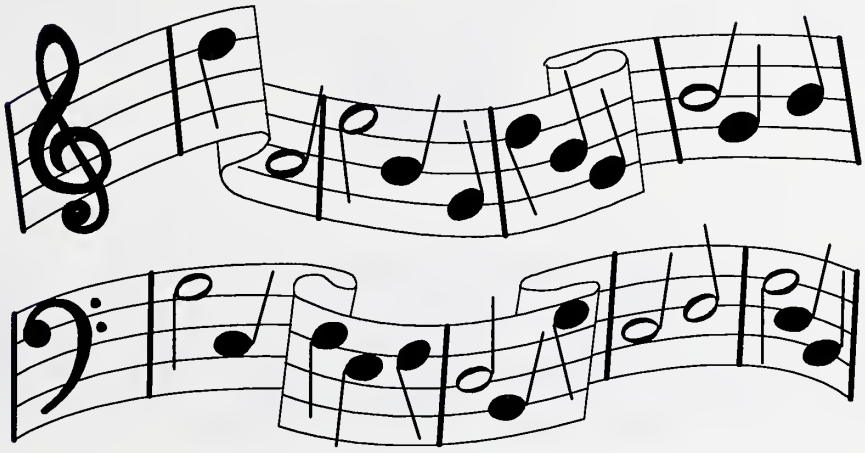

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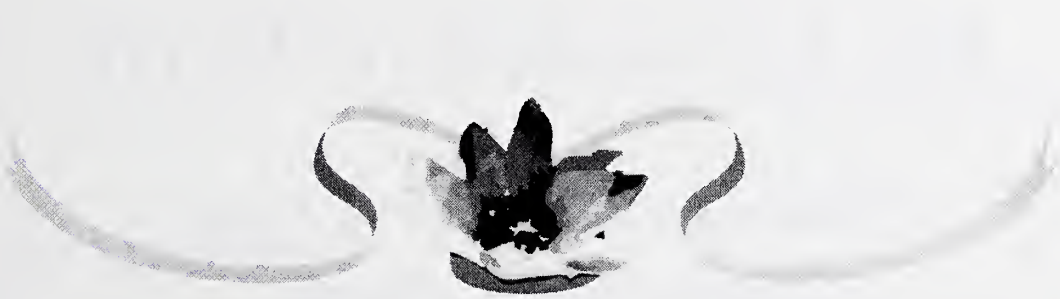

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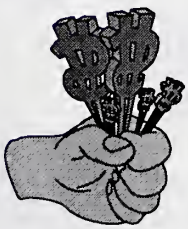

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Congratulations
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DR. GWENDOLYN M. WARD
in
recognition of your
service and achievements

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and
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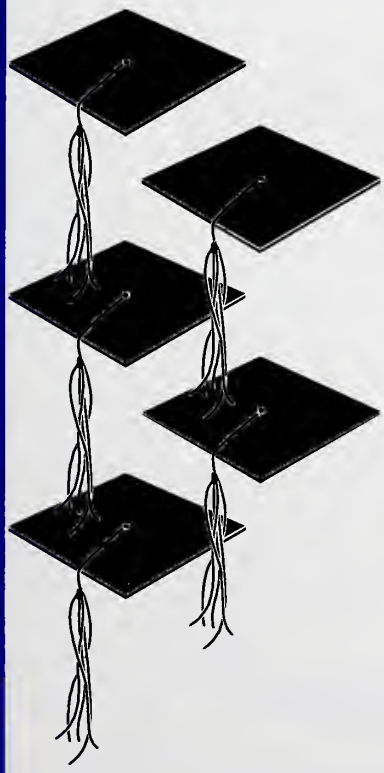

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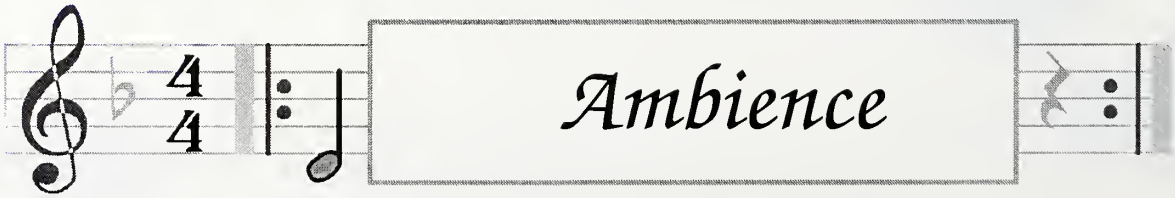

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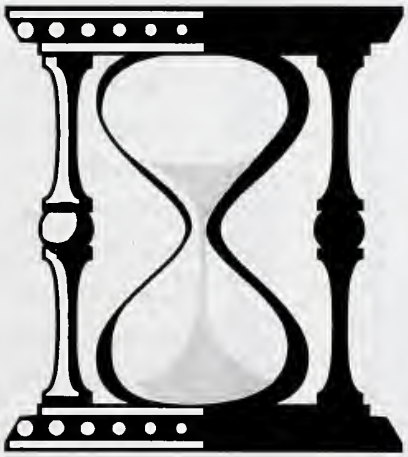

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Dr. Gwendolyn Ward

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Dear Mrs. Ward:

A simple congratulations is inadequate in expressing our pride in your accomplishment. Your determination and unrelenting desire for self improvement is admirable. In memory of our son, Lawrence Jacobs, Jr., and the educational interests that you shared, we honor you.

Sincerely,
Lawrence and Sadie Jacobs

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to
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God bless you as you continue to help our students in His school.

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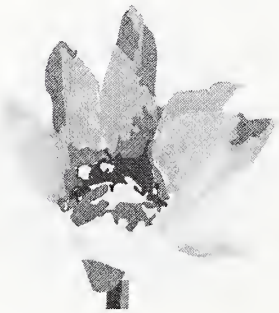

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God Bless You!

Congratulations Gwen Ward
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Your friends,
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Alumnus of the Year
Elder David A. Smith

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Since graduation in the early 1980's, Elder Smith has served his church as an assistant and senior pastor in the following South Atlantic Conference cities: Aiken SC, Fayetteville, Clinton, Lillington, Kinston and Greenville NC. In 1994, he was assigned to the Durham and Burlington NC district where he has been serving until the present time. His is a loyal faithful member of the Durham Chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni Association. He has also served as the President of the North Carolina Ministerial Association of Seventh-day Adventist Ministers for three years.

Elder Smith has received several honors from his early school years up to the present. These honors include being selected as a member of the Junior Honor Society and Who's Who Among American High School Students. In addition to graduating with honors from college, he was chosen as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America.

Elder Smith is a firm believer in Christian Education. During his ministry, Smith has demonstrated his support in several ways including serving as coordinator, sponsor, chaperone and driver for students attending the annual College Days Program at Oakwood College for the past eight years. He serves as one of the bus drivers for the transportation used to transport children in his district to and from church school. He led out in the initiation of an annual consecration weekend for all high school and college graduates in his area of service and is an active participant in the 'Big Brother and Sister' program in his church.

He is married to Juanita Maria (Parker) who is a teacher in the SDA School System and is also an Oakwood College graduate.

Congratulations
To
Pastor David A. Smith

Alumnus of the Year

We the Women's Ministry Department of Immanuel Temple S.D.A. Church are proud to add our congratulations to our Pastor for being selected The Alumnus of the Year by Oakwood College Alumni Association.

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Sharon Wilson - Assistant

Congratulations To Pastor David A. Smith

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The Immanuel Temple S.D.A. Church Music Department
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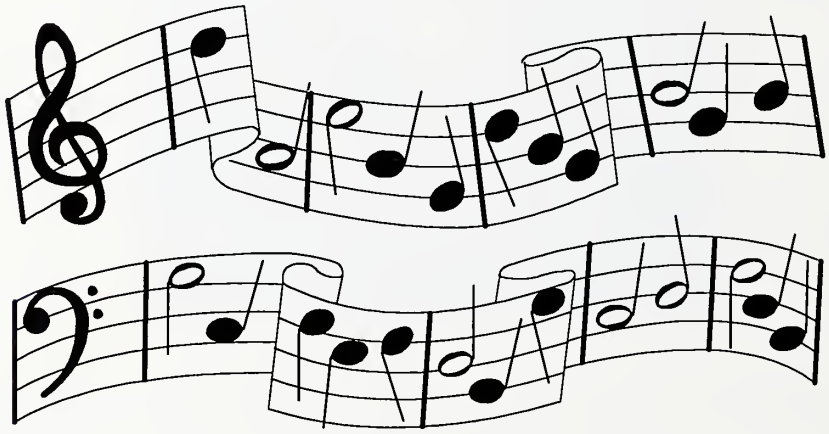
Pastor Smith and congratulates him.



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Phyllis Y. Campbell - Minister of Music
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Juanita Smith - Children's Choir Director

Congratulations To
Pastor David A. Smith
Alumnus of the Year

It seems only natural that you be honored as Oakwood's Alumnus of the Year. We have seen your unselfish love in action now for almost five and a half years. Our youngsters love you for the many early morning traffic jams you have endured to transport them to Gethsemane S.D.A. Church Elementary School in Raleigh, North Carolina. Our youth love you for the many hours you travelled with them to Pine Forge Academy in Pennsylvania. Our college bound young people love you for not just verbally recommending Oakwood College, but for actually taking them down to Huntsville, Alabama for College Days.

Finally, we the Education Committee of Immanuel Temple S.D.A. Church in Durham, North Carolina, love, salute, and take off our graduate caps to you, our Pastor. We are very proud of you and pray that God's richest blessings may continue to be yours.

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Best Wishes & Congratulations
To
Pastor David A. Smith

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Congratulations and Best Wishes To Our Pastor

Pastor David A. Smith

Alumnus of the Year

The Deaconess of
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Durham, North Carolina are proud to participate in honoring our Pastor as the Alumnus of the Year

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Myrtie Taylor - Assistant

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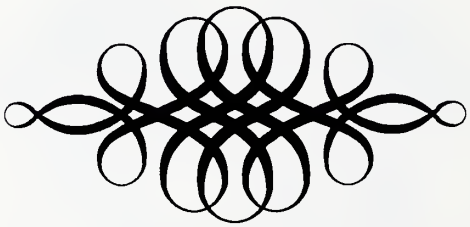

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Congratulations to my loving husband..

David A. Smith

Excellent pastors are special gifts from God
I salute you for being recognized
As one of these gifts.
May you continue to inspire others

From your wife
Juanita Smith

I AM PROUD OF YOU!!!

The AYS Department and Pathfinder Club of Immanuel Temple would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Pastor, David A. Smith, for being chosen as Oakwood College Alumnus of the Year for 1999. And just to let him know how much we appreciate all the love, patience, friendship & support that he has shown towards us, we would like to say...

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Congratulations & Best Wishes
To our Son, Grandson, and Brother
Pastor David A. Smith

We are very proud of you, and we love you.
Keep up the good work!!!

From your family,
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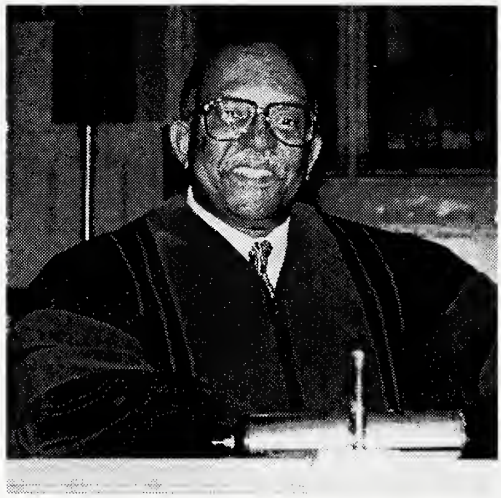

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Continue to utilize your capabilities and opportunities to the greatest in the interest of humanity and service to God.

Rolla H. & Ruth C. Thornton

Congratulations
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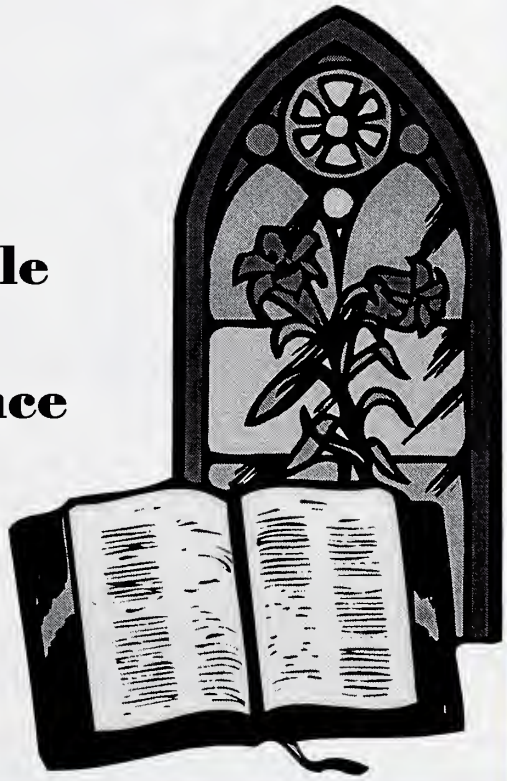

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The Kibble Family

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THE LAKE REGION CONFERENCE

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PRESIDENT ALVIN M. KIBBLE

ALLEGHENY EAST CONFERENCE

ON BEING AWARDED THE

PRESIDENTS AWARD

AT THE

THIRTY-SECOND OAKWOOD COLLEGE HOMECOMING

APRIIL 3, 1999

Honoring
Alvin M. Kibble, President
Allegheny East Conference

Elder Harvey Kibble, Sr.

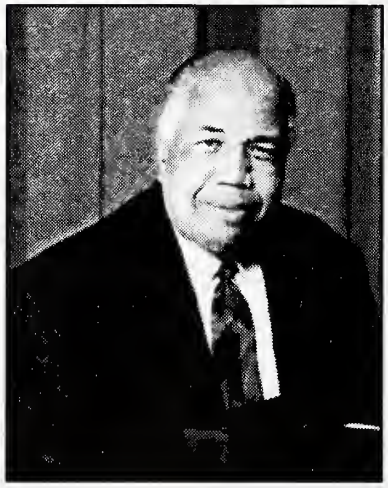
Marie Kibble Robinson, Ph.D.

We give honor to Alvin, the youngest born to the late President of the Lake Region Conference (1951-1961), Elder Harvey Ward Kibble and Thelma Winston Kibble, both Class of 1929.

The Kibbles recognized Alvin's servant leadership style and would say on behalf of their earthly father (who was born and buried near Oakwood) words spoken by the Heavenly Father: "This is (our) Beloved Son in whom (we) are well pleased."

Submitted by Herman Kibble
Captain US Navy (Retired)

Vesper Speaker



Elder T. Marshall Kelly

Thomas Marshall Kelly entered this life in Cleveland, Ohio. His parents, Louis and Mary Kelly, both sang in the church choir. His mother, Mary Kelly, is still living and active at the age of 99.

While attending church school, Mrs. Ivory Parks started Marshall and four other boys singing in a quartet. During the next fifty-four years, four of them (including Marshall) continued to sing together and adopted the name of the "Cleveland Harmoneers." The Harmoneers have sung for such grand occasions as the ASI convention in Toronto, Canada and for the ASI Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

After attending high school at Oakwood Academy, Marshall was privileged to sing in the Oakwood College Male Chorus directed by the incomparable Elder C.E. Mosley. Marshall also sang bass in the Oakwood College Velvatone Quartet which toured throughout the United States. At Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) he was given the opportunity to sing in the "Collegians," directed by Mr. Melvin Davis.

Marshall Kelly has been privileged to be the Week of Prayer speaker for Oakwood College, Andrews University, and the Adventist Media Center; also several academies in North and South America. While serving as Bible teacher and Chaplain at Oakwood Academy he received the Zapara Award to teaching.

He is the husband of one wife, Jean, for 46 years, and the father of two children, Eric and Nadine. There are three grandchildren, Justin and Marrisa Kelly and Korey Williams.

Marshall Kelly has been privileged to sing for such inspirational evangelists as E.E. Cleveland, Don Jacobsen, C.D. Brooks, John Carter, and W.C. Scales, Jr. His travels have taken him throughout the United States, Canada, Australia (three times), New Zealand, New Guinea, Fiji, and Ghana in Africa. Since 1996 he has traveled with the Voice of Prophecy for several of their "Vision Builders" weekends. In 1997 the Lord allowed him to travel to Cape Town, South Africa to sing for an evangelistic crusade with Elder Tim Lewis and his team where he witnessed the baptism of 1187 souls in one day.

"*It takes Everything to Serve the Lord,*" "*Songs to Remember*" and "*Never Doubt His Love*" are the three albums that have been produced during his years of service. The Breath of Life has made a compilation compact disc entitled, "*Songs of Inspiration.*"

"So many people have helped, encouraged and prayed for me... I can only say, to God be the glory." "My greatest joy is singing for the sick, the shut-in, and the lonely." – T. Marshall Kelly.

Vespers Program

April 2, 1999
6:30 p.m.

Musicians..... Dr. Eurydice Osterman & Celia Cleveland '69

Pre Vesper Singspiration .....Class of 1949

Hymns of Praise ..... Myron Edwards '99

Opening Hymn ..... *I Sing The Mighty Power*..... Allie Terrell Valentine '49
Hymn 88

Prayer ..... Tyrone Phillips '79

Welcome ..... Edward Woods, Jr.
OCAA President

Announcements ..... Beverly Robinson
Alumni Affairs Director

Offering ..... Faye Brathwaite
OCAA Treasurer

Testimonies ..... Dorothea Laurence Risker '39/Vern Joyner '69

Music ..... Harmoneers Quartet
Mylas Martin; Charles Terrell; James Hill, Jr.; T. Marshall Kelly

Scripture .....John 17:21-23 ..... Fred Parker '49

Sermon ..... *One in Christ for the New Millennium* .....T. Marshall Kelly

Closing Hymn .....*Watch Ye Saints* ..... William C. Jones
Hymn 598

Benediction ..... Charles Campbell '59

Chairpersons
Charles E. Campbell
Allie T. Valentine

Sabbath School Program

April 3, 1999
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Praise ..... Brothers of Nashville

Music ..... Arranged

Prayer ..... Guest

Welcome ..... Linda Webb '69

Special Music ..... Guest

Superintendent's Remarks ..... Kim Logan-Nowlin '79

Mission Spotlight ..... Guest

Lesson Review ..... Pastor David Long '79

Offering ..... Pastor Donald Bedney '79

Special Music ..... Jackie Mosley

Closing Remarks ..... Kim Logan-Nowlin '79

Closing Prayer ..... Charmeka Mosley '99

Chairpersons
Pastor David Long, Crystal Greene-Thomas
Kim Logan-Nowlin, Jennifer M. Stone

Personal Ministries

10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

Message Magazine ..... Dr. Ron Smith, Editor in Chief
Breath of Life ..... Elder Malcolm Taylor

Music Interlude

10:20 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.
Oakwood College Orchestra

Divine Worship Speaker

Pastor C.A. Murray

Pastor Clement A. Murray is a native of Buffalo New York and was educated in the public schools of that city before attending college on a basketball scholarship. At age ten he was baptized into the Emmanuel Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church and was the only Adventist in his family. In the years following his entrance into ministry he led his sister, mother and father to Christ, personally baptizing his dad one month before his death.

Pastor Murray is a 1974 graduate of Oakwood College with degrees in Behavioral Science and Religion. He holds a Master of Pastoral Ministry Degree from Andrews University, two honorary doctorates and is working towards a PHD in Communications from Columbus University.

He has successfully pastored a number of churches in the Northeastern Conference and in 1985 he became the youngest senior pastor of the historic Ephesus church in Manhattan with a membership of over 2100. He served there with distinction for over seven years before assuming responsibilities as Communication Director for the conference in 1992. His ministry has been highlighted by the opportunity to meet, preach to and ultimately baptize a number of prominent individuals such as United Nations Ambassador Franklin Dolland and Lucy Martin, former lead singer of the group Chic. He has preached across the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, South America, Europe, Africa, at the General Conference headquarters, on several college campuses including a week of prayer at West Indies College in Jamaica. He has served on a number of boards and committees including the Northeastern and Atlantic Union Executive Committees, the General Conference Executive Committee and various committees at the General Conference and North American Division levels.

Pastor Murray has received numerous awards over the years including citations from; former NYC mayors Ed Koch and David Dinkins, borough Presidents Andrew Stein and Claire Shulman, Congressman Charles Rangel, the Harlem Ministerial Alliance, the Harlem Hospital, Adventist Broadcasters Association, Adventist Editors International, the North American Division Communication Department, the Trinity Broadcasting Network for excellence in hosting his talk show and many others given by local and state groups in and outside of the church.

Divine Worship

Sabbath, April 3, 1999
10:45 a.m.
Von Braun Center

Prelude ..... Oakwood College Symphony Orchestra
Renee Collins-Williams, Conductor

Introit ..... Aeolians/College Choir
Lloyd Mallory, Director

Doxology ..... Congregation
Praise God

Call To Worship ..... Elder Clement Murray '74

Music ..... Aeolians/College Choir

Welcome ..... Edward Woods, Jr.
President, Oakwood College Alumni Association

Dr. Delbert Baker, President, Oakwood College
Mayor Loretta Spencer, Huntsville, Alabama
Dr. Clarence Hodges, Vice Chairman, Oakwood College Board
Joseph McCoy, President, South Central Conference
Alvin Kibble, Chairman, NAD Council for Black Presidents and the Black Caucus
John Nixon, Pastor, Oakwood College Church
Joseph Roberts '99, President, Pre-Alumni Council, Oakwood College
Debleaire Snell '99, President, USM, Oakwood College

Special Presentation ..... Dr. Delbert Baker

Announcements ..... Beverly Robinson, Director of Alumni Relations
Homecoming Coordinator

In Memoriam ..... Sarah M. Lester
Elder J. P. Willis, Chaplain, Oakwood College Alumni Association

Hymn of Worship ..... Jean Holcombe '59
Rise Up, O Church of God

Scripture ..... Elder Herman Davis '69

Prayer ..... Pastor Caesar Monroe '69

Chorale Response ..... Aeolians/College Choir

Music ..... Aeolians/College Choir

Offertory..... Ronald Lindsey, Vice President-Finance, Oakwood College
Faye Brathwaite, Treasurer, Oakwood College Alumni Association

Offertory Selection ..... Aliethia Evans '99

Introduction of Speaker ..... Gloria Singleton, Chapter President
Metropolitan - Washington, DC

Meditation ..... Yvonne Hodge

Sermon ..... Elder Clement Murray '74
Northeastern Conference

Appeal ..... Jeryl Cunningham '89

Closing Hymn ..... Elizabeth Nunez '39

O Zion Haste

Prayer of Benediction ..... Elder Jason McCracken '79

Benedictory Response ..... Aeolians/College Choir

Postlude ..... Organist

Jason Ferdinand '99 - Pianist
James Wilson - Organist

Edward Woods, Jr. - Chairperson
Dr. Eurydice Osterman - Music Coordinator
J. Pierre-Louis - Honorary Music Coordinator

Homecoming Chairpersons

General Homecoming Coordinator ..... Beverly Robinson
Associate General Homecoming Coordinators ..... Carole Booth & Hattie Mims
Friday Vesper ..... Allie Valentine & Dr. Charles Campbell
Sabbath School ..... Pastor David Long & Kim Logan-Nowlin
Divine Worship ..... Edward Woods, Jr.
Deacons ..... Francis Hughes & Edward Kinley
Ushers ..... Robert Hodges
Hostesses ..... Yvonne Peters & Muriel Rhymes
Registration ..... Marie Seard
Medical Symposium ..... Victor A. Duncan, MD
Basketball ..... Leonard Douglas & Wilson Miles
Golf ..... Lynn Ross
Alumni Journal ..... Edward Woods, Jr.

Awards Program

Sabbath, April 3, 1999
4:45 p.m.
Von Braun Center Concert Hall

Opening Song ..... Musical Number
Invocation ..... Elder J. P. Willis
Greetings ..... Dr. Delbert Baker
Parents of the Year ..... Mr. & Mrs. Cairy Lester ..... Ken Gilleylen
Musical Number ..... Michele Cleveland

Certificate of Merit Honorees

Allegheny East .....Pastor Bruce Banner ..... Marie Seard
Allegheny West ..... Sharon Bradford-Lewis ..... Connie Mayfield
Lake Region .....Iris McChristian-Allen..... Patricia Burns
Northeastern .....John Tillman II ..... Violet Thompson
South Atlantic .....Ceola Jones ..... Dr. Charles Campbell
South Central ..... Danny Chandler ..... Elizabeth Nunez
Southeastern .....Dr. A. L. Bookhardt.....Julia Howard

Offering ..... Daryl Foster

Prize Drawings ..... Marie Seard
Musical Selection .....Roland Gresham
Life Time Alumni Members 1999 ..... Edna Lett Williamson

Introduction of OCAA President ..... Ken Gilleylen
Awards ..... Edward Woods, Jr. & Udell Darville

Scholarship Awards-Paschal/Williamson Leadership
President Award - Elder Alvin Kibble
Chapter Award - North Carolina - Durham Chapter
Journal Award - Russell Tynes & Edith Woods
Recipient Award - Dr. Gwendolyn Ward

Musical Selection ..... Dedication
Alumna of the Year .....Dr. Gwendolyn Ward ..... Elizabeth Nunez
Alumnus of the Year ..... Pastor David Smith .....Dr. Charles Campbell
Finale ..... Full Assurance
Benediction .....Elder J. P. Willis

Coordinators
Ken Gilleylen
Cheryl Darville

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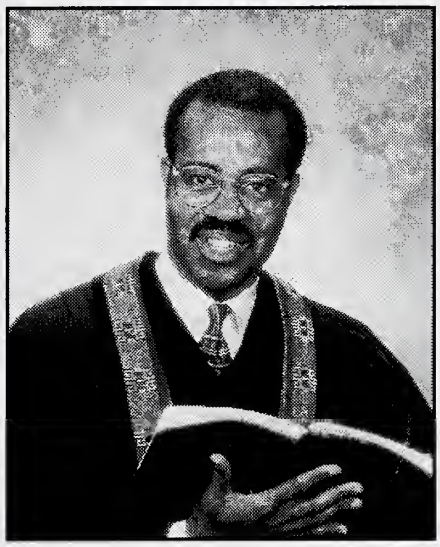


Pastor Bruce A. Banner

As a theology student at Oakwood College, January 1996 through December 1988, Bruce Banner had no idea where he would go or what he would do.

Receiving a Bachelor Degree in Accounting from Frostburg State University, Maryland, May 1982 prepared him to help meet challenges that would await him in his life's career. Employed as an accountant at Oakwood, February 1986 – January 1989, he was also an accountant, senior accountant and financial analyst technician at the following organizations: Manor Care Inc., Silver Spring, Md.; Science Management Corporation, Greenbelt, Maryland and Allied-Signal Bendix, St. Joseph, Michigan, respectively.

Answering a divine call to the ministry, Banner graduated from Andrews University with a Master of Divinity, August 1992.

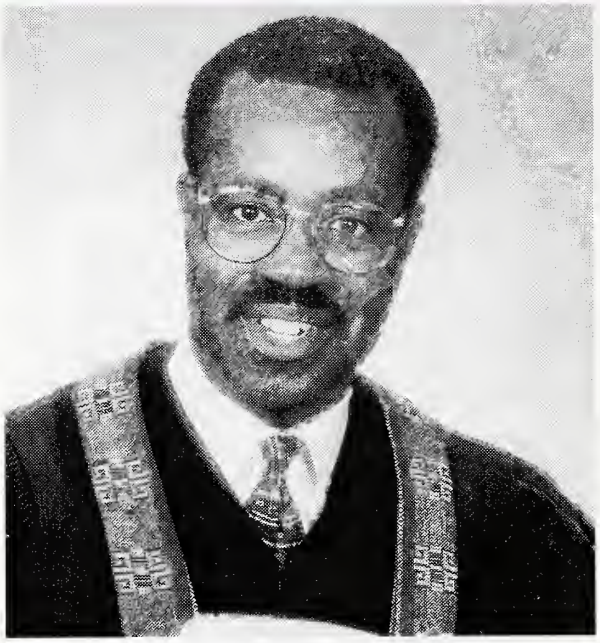
His ministry began with the Allegheny East Conference in December 1991 where he pastored the churches in Bridgeton-Whiteboro, New Jersey district. In March 1998 the conference transferred him to the First Seventh-day Adventist Church in Montclair, New Jersey, where he presently pastors a congregation of 250 members. The church operates an afternoon soup kitchen and a surrogate home school for children of working parents. Pastor Banner was ordained in 1996.

An avid runner whose hobbies include photography and sports cars, Pastor Banner enjoys working with young people. He volunteers as coach for various youth sports teams. An advocate of leading his church in making a difference in the community, Pastor Banner serves on the One Man Can Make A Difference Committee in Bridgeton, NJ, Cumberland County Advisory Committee, Vineland, NJ. He is the chaplain of the Newcomb Hospital, Vineland, NJ.

Recently, the Christian Connection Bible Bookstore was opened in Bloomfield, NJ. Pastor Banner is president of the Board of Directors. "...Books of all kinds, with the common theme of improving self and life through a personal relationship with God. There are books for men, women, grade-schoolers, teenagers, young adults, baby-boomers, seniors, singles, married couples, parents and families...." (*Montclair Times,* Jan. 21, 1999)

In 1998, Pastor Banner was the founding member of the newest chapter in Allegheny East-Montclair, NJ Alumni Chapter. He consistently encourages young people to attend Oakwood College.

Pastor Banner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vester Banner and his siblings are members of various churches in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Banner and his wife Lilliam Hodge Banner have one three-year-old son, Bruce Alexander.



Pastor Bruce A. Banner

Congratulations

on receiving the

Allegheny East Conference Certificate of Merit

Because you *lea*rned early in life to trust in the Lord
with all your heart and to lean not on your own understanding,
and in all your ways you have acknowledged Him,
He will continue to direct your path.
Proverbs 3:5 *Paraphrased*

May God continue to bless your ministry
our prayers are with you

Your Family

CONGRATULATIONS

PASTOR BRUCE BANNER

Allegheny East Conference
Certificate of Merit Award

You've been an avid supporter and believer in Christian education as evidenced in your children.

BALTIMORE CHAPTER of OAKWOOD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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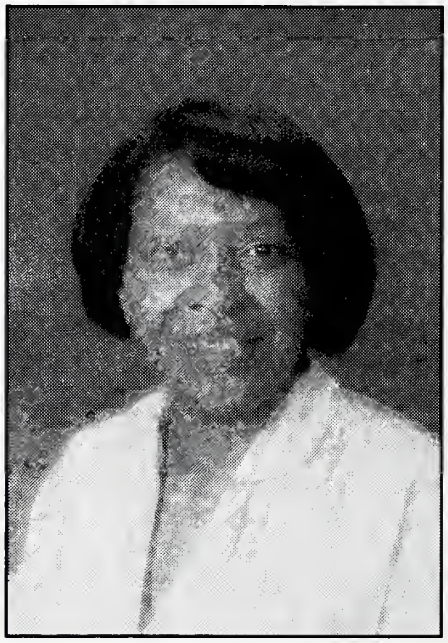


Sharon Bradford-Lewis

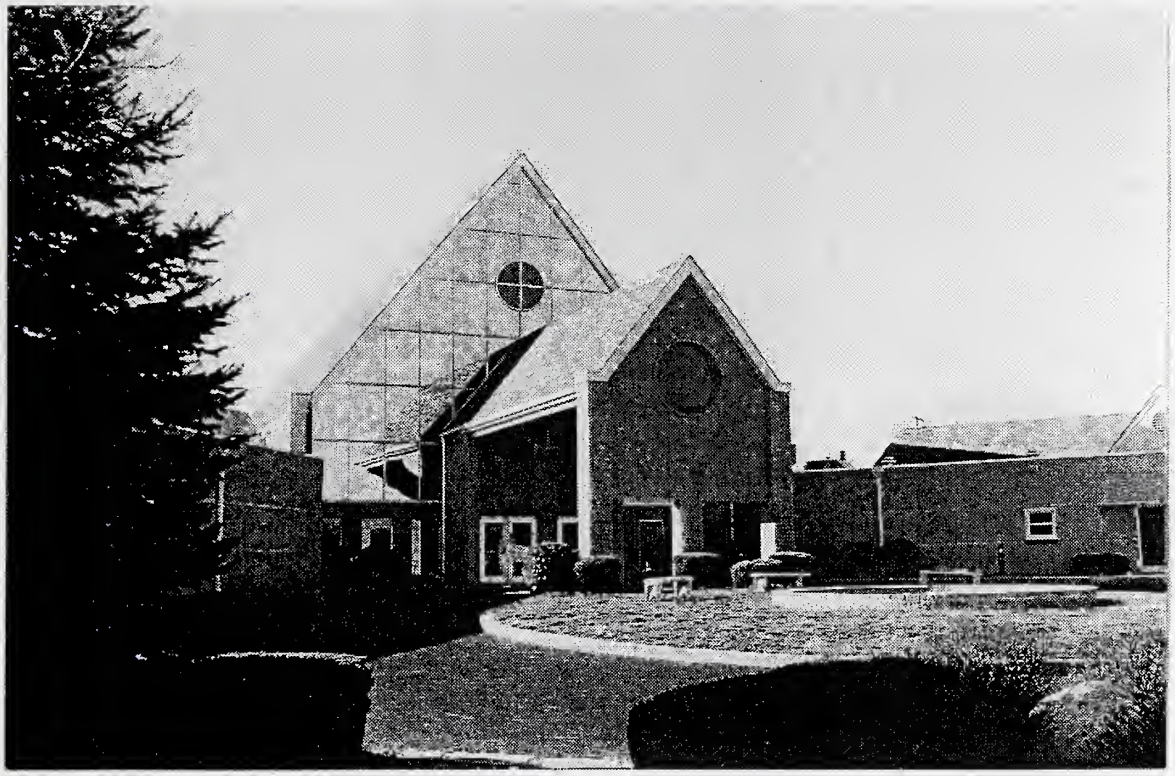
Sharon Bradford Lewis is the eldest child of Charles and Ethel Bradford (OC '46). She is a product of Christian Education, having attended a number of Adventist schools from the elementary through the graduate level. After attending Andrews University and Oakwood College ('71), she completed the Bachelor's Degree at Columbia Union College in 1974. In 1976 she received the Master of Teaching degree from Andrews University.

The positive experience with Christian Education was greatly influential in Sharon's decision to dedicate her teaching career to the Adventist education system. During the past twenty-three years she has served as classroom teacher and school administrator. She is currently principal of Griswold Christian Academy, K-10 junior academy located in Worthington, Ohio and operated by the Worthington SDA Church of the Ohio Conference.

Sharon also serves as a member of the Ohio Conference Curriculum Committee. She attends Ephesus SDA Church in Columbus, Ohio where she is a member of the Music Committee and directs one of the adult choirs.

Sharon is married to Elder James L. Lewis (OC '73), treasurer of the Allegheny West Conference. They have one son, James III. She is proud of her family's Oakwood heritage. Her grandmother, Etta Littlejohn-Bradford was a member of the inaugural 1896 class. Her father, Elder C.E. Bradford, retired North American Division President, completed his studies at Oakwood in the 50th year class of 1946. And in the fall of 1996, Sharon and James were very proud to enroll James III in the freshman class, 100 years after his great-grandmother first attended.

Sharon Bradford Lewis
Certificate of Merit Award
Allegheny West Conference



The Ephesus SDA Church Family Extend Their Warmest Congratulations to **Sharon Bradford Lewis** for Receiving the Certificate of Merit Award for Allegheny West Conference

Elder William T. Cox, Sr., Pastor
Shirley Benton, First Elder
James C. Lee,Esq., Treasurer

Ephesus SDA Church
3650 Sunbury Road
Columbus, Ohio 43219

Certificate of Merit– Lake Region Conference

Iris McChristian-Allen

Iris McChristian-Allen is a fifth generation Seventh-day Adventist. A native of Detroit, Michigan, she currently resides in Southfield, Michigan with her husband, Donald, and three grandchildren.

A member of the Sharon Church in Inkster, Michigan; Iris believes that only what she does for Christ will last, therefore, she has served in almost every auxilliary of the church. She feels privileged to have been director of vacation Bible school in Jackson, Michigan for five years, as she worked with her grandparents to form the Summit Church.

She organized and has been president of two chapters of Federated King's Daughters in the Detroit area. The chapters became well known throughout the area for their many humanitarian efforts and for financial aid to worthy students. Iris went on to become the president of the Eastern Region of the King's Daughters, the youngest woman to ever serve in this capacity. Under her leadership many new chapters were formed across the country. She was largely responsible for reuniting the Eastern and Western Regions after many years of separation.

McChristian-Allen has served her community by being a member of the board of the Girl's Athletic Association, she has served on the women's committee of the United Negro College Fund. She has received many awards; in 1995 she was named an "Outstanding Woman in Christ" by the Michigan Christians In Action organization. She also feels privileged to have received a service award from the Detroit Public Schools.

Currently, Iris directs a choral group, VARIATIONS. They have witnessed throughout the United States and Canada. VARIATIONS was recently invited to Europe, where they had four successful performances. Mrs. McChristian-Allen has also led the group in witnessing through giving. Over the years the group has provided food baskets for the needy, they have provided gifts to a homeless shelter in Detroit and have donated funds to worthy students.

For more than eight years, Mrs. McChristian-Allen worked in the field of mental health. Later she took a position in the fashion industry, working for a major company in sales, public relations and programming. She has also worked as a substitute teacher.

Most recently, Iris has organized a chapter of the Oakwood College Alumni. Having attended Oakwood, she is a firm believer in the work of the college.

Truly, Iris McChristian-Allen believes that "only what you do for Christ will last."

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !

I r i s M c C h r i s t i a n - A l l e n

Your Church Family
Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church
28537 Cherry Street
Inkster, Michigan

Zadock Reid, Pastor

The Highland Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church Proudly Recognizes

Iris McChristian-Allen
and
All 1999 Alumni Association Honorees

Highland Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church
2075 Highland Avenue
Benton Harbor, Michgan

Dr. Jaspine Bilima - Pastor
Ronald Small - First Elder
Russell Tynes - Treasurer
Delia Talley - Clerk
Edith Woods - Clerk

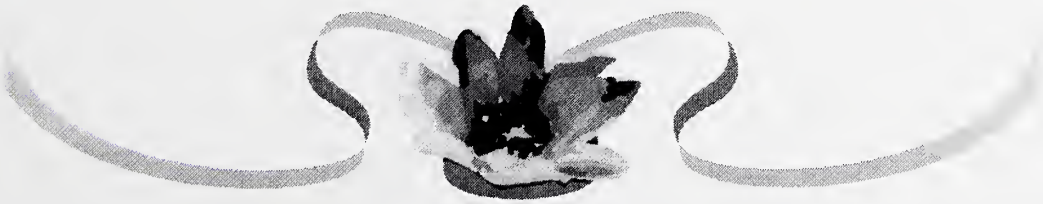
Congratulations
and
Best Wishes
To

Iris McChristian-Allen
Lake Region Conference
Certificate of Merit

and

All 1999 Oakwood College Alumni Honorees

May God continue to bless and keep you
as you reach out in service to others.



Edward and Edith Woods
and Family

For Iris McChristian-Allen

With love and gratitude to
a kind, loving and most
supportive Christian wife.

Love,
Don Allen

Congratulations

Iris McChristian-Allen

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Highland Avenue SDA Church
Benton Harbor, Michigan

Church Hostess Department
Elizabeth Woods, Coordinator
Diane Jones
Drucella Laguda
Jackie McArthur
Wyomia Norris
Cindy Small

Jaspine Bilima, D.Min
Church Pastor

Congratulations
Iris McChristian-Allen
Lake Region Conference
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To Iris McChristian-Allen

For your tireless service for the Master!

May He continue to bless you in your efforts to further His cause, not only in Music Ministry, but, through your Missionary Outreach. May you be blessed as you support Christian Education and as you share the love of God with your children and others.

We Appreciate all that we've learned from you. Thanks and .....

Congratulations!!!

Variations Chapter
of Oakwood College Alumni Association
Detroit, Michigan

Congratulations
Iris McChristian- Allen
Lake Region Conference
Certificate of Merit

"Those who have given of themselves to others, live forever within the hearts of those they've touched."

Thanks Iris
and
Congratulations
of a well deserved honor

Iceline S. Wilson
Southfield, Michigan

Congratulations
Iris!

From your friends,
Brandon and Alice Dent
Brandon, Brian, & Alicia
Westland, Michigan

We Love You!

CONGRATULATIONS IRIS!

We are proud of all your accomplishments.

We love you.

Sam & Barbara Dent
Warren, Michigan

Congratulations
To
My Iris
May you continue to always strive for the Master.

Ethere da Lee
Southfield, Michigan

Certificate of Merit– Northeastern Conference

John H. Tillman, Jr.

John H. Tillman, Jr., son of John H. and Hattie Tillman, was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He relocated to Charlotte, N.C., where he was baptized at the Berea S.D.A. Church. He attended Berea Elementary Church School, graduated salutatorian and continued his education at Oakwood Academy. Due to family illness, he returned home after two years and matriculated at Second Ward High School. He was an "Honor" student, sang in the choir, and played the saxophone. In his church, he served as M.V. (AY) Leader, Sabbath School Teacher, and conducted the Sabbath School Instructors Course for Berean teachers.

After high school graduation, John attended Oakwood College for two years. He returned to Charlotte where he married the late Charlotte Little. They were parents of 3 children: the late John Tillman III, Ivy Denise Tillman, and Marea Ford.

Again he was active in Berea, serving as an ordained Elder, Sabbath School Supt. and teacher, Choir Director, Male Chorus Director, Religious Liberty and Personal Ministries Leader.

In 1960 he came to New York City and chose Ephesus as his home church. Activities for him at Ephesus included: Youth and Earliteen Supt. and teacher, Youth Church Elder, Associate AY Leader, Founder of Ephesus Adventist Men's Organization, Religious Liberty Leader, Communications Leader, Sponsor of Ephesus Softball Team, Youth Federation President, and Board chairman of the Harlem Trailblazers Community Services, Inc. John led out in "Smoking Sam" presentations in schools, hospitals, tent efforts, health fairs and churches.

He promoted oratorical and poster contests and gave new meaning to the temperance Motto: "In Christ We Are Fit and Free."

As a result of an accident, John had two major brain surgeries. Determination, therapy and prayer empowered him to walk and run again. He continues to improve. In just 5 years after the accident, he graduated from the State University of New York earning a B.S. degree in Liberal Arts. He is also certified in Alcohol Counseling.

John spent much of this time prior to the accident presenting messages on Substance Abuse and the Family. His emphasis was on "Love" a concept of mental, physical, and spiritual connection between the man, the woman, and Jesus.

Our honoree comes from a family that has always supported Christian education. His youngest grandson, Charles Roberts, is presently a sophomore at Oakwood Academy.

John is a "Life Member" of Oakwood College National Alumni Association and an active member of the A. Samuel Rashford Chapter in New York City.

Congratulations

John Tillman II

Certificate of Merit
Northeastern Conference

May you continue to allow God
to use you in His service.

Northeastern Conference
115-50 Merrick Boulevard
Jamaica, New York

Stennett H. Brooks - President
Trevor H. C. Baker - Secretary
Larry Word - Treasurer

ENCOMIUM FOR A BELOVED FRIEND,
TO WHOM MUCH WAS GIVEN,
AND OF WHOM IS STILL MUCH REQUIRED

JOHN HENRY TILLMAN

The First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, as realized by Jack Blanco
in The Clear Word

IF I had the gift of speaking any language, including the language that angels use, but I didn't have love, I would be like a noisy gong or clanging cymbals. If I had the gift of predicting the future and could understand all science and fathom all knowledge, or if I had so much faith that I could move mountains, but I didn't have love, I would be worthless. If I gave everything I had to the church and had enough money to feed the world, or if I became a martyr by being burned to death for Christ, but didn't have love, all such acts would count for nothing.

LOVE is patient and kind. It doesn't envy, and it doesn't focus on itself or puff up with its own importance. LOVE is never rude nor does it behave itself unbecomingly. It's not interested in its own advantages. It doesn't keep a record of wrongs. LOVE thinks the best. LOVE doesn't enjoy evil, but finds joy in truth. LOVE bears all things, hopes for all things and endures all things. LOVE will never fail.

THERE are three important things in life. Faith in God, hope for the future and Christ-like LOVE, but the greatest of these is LOVE.

**WE PRAY YOUR STRENGTH, CELEBRATE YOUR VICTORIES,
AND CONGRATULATE YOUR FETING**

LO, MARIE AND ORE

John H. Tillman

Congratulations for being selected
1999 Northeastern Conference
Certificate of Merit Honoree

Compliments of
R.T. Hudson School Board

Virginia Norman - Chairperson
Pastor Farrell Jones - Assistant Chairperson
Renee Simmons - Secretary
J. Y. Hall - Principal

Members: Opal Bridges, Hilda Campbell, Eidie Frett, Dale Frett, Pastor Abraham Jules, Linda Marrow, Hermalee McClean, Princess Parker, Leopold Perry, Judge Eardell Rashford, George Saunders, Pastor Ronald Smith

Congratulations John H. Tillman II
Northeastern Certificate of Merit Honoree

OAKWOOD COLLEGE

From officers and members - A. S. Rashford Chapter

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The Northeastern Conference

CONGRATULATES

John H. Tillman

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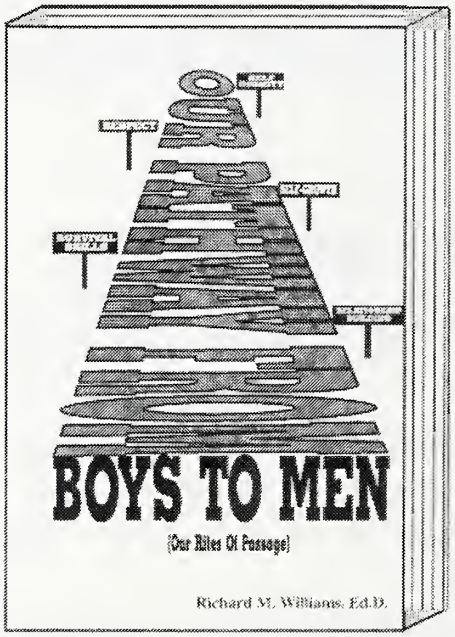

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Ceola Hagans Jones is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jerome Hagans. She spent most of her childhood in Dawson, Georgia. She completed Dawson Junior High School and moved with her Godmother to Atlanta, Georgia, where she graduated from Booker T. Washington High School. After high school, Ceola continued her education at Oakwood Junior College were she graduated in 1939. She taught elementary school at the Berean Church School for five years. While in Atlanta she attended Morris Brown College. She moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she taught in the Ethnan Temple Elementary school. Mrs. Jones also served as principal of the Ethnan Temple Elementary School for more than ten years. While in Pittsburgh, she took classes at Pittsburgh University. She returned to Atlanta, Georgia in nineteen sixty-one to a teaching position at Berean Elementary School. During that time, she attended summer school at Oakwood College and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree on May 22, 1968. Mrs. Jones later enrolled in Atlanta University where she received her Master's Degree in Elementary Education in 1974.

Ceola has maintained an exemplary record in the Adventist education system for her support of the elementary Adventist schools and she has maintained a record of support for Oakwood College for many years in public relations and fund-raising for the schools.

Mrs. Jones' roles in the church and the community have been extensive. The responsibilities of those roles have included Church Treasurer, Sabbath School Superintendent for the Junior Department, Earliteen teacher, Pathfinder Club, Master Guide club, Children Choir, Adult Choir, Deaconess Leader for more than thirteen consecutive years, Church Board member, Budget Committee member, Building Committee member, member of E.S. Porter Alumni chapter for Oakwood College, currently a member of Metro Atlanta Oakwood Alumni chapter. Civically, she has served as secretary of the Fifth Ward Council.

Ceola Jones is a faithful Christian woman who studies her Bible daily and regularly attends the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. Ceola Jones consistently praises God for the opportunities to represent Him as she presents His love while assisting others. She is also grateful for the Oakwood College experience which has enhanced her abilities to serve others with a greater purpose.

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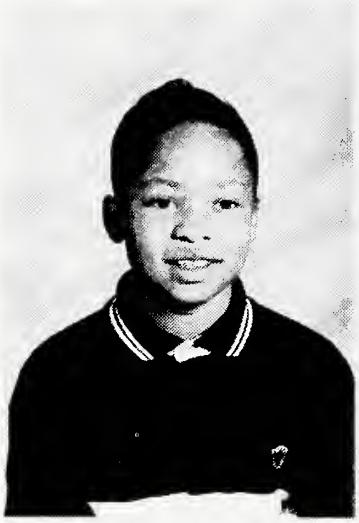

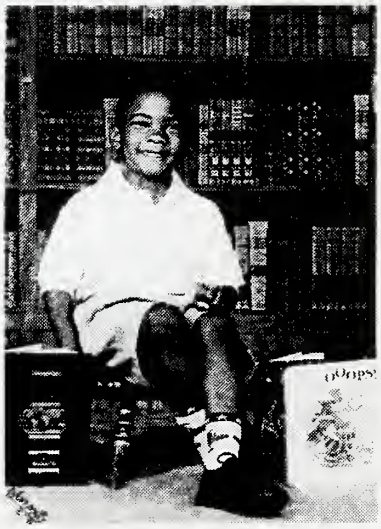

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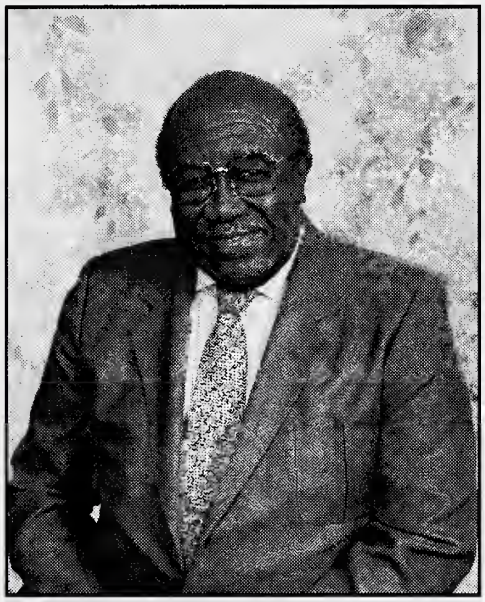

Dr. Alfred Leroy Bookhardt

Alfred Leroy Bookhardt, M.D., was born in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Elder John A. and Mrs. Maude Dickson Bookhardt. He was educated in Adventist schools in Florida and graduated from Oakwood College Academy in Huntsville, AL.

College studies began at Oakwood College and later was transferred to Union College to complete his premed requirements which were not available at Oakwood at that time. He graduated from University of Nebraska with a B.A. in Zoology and a minor in Chemistry.

He graduated with M.D. degree from Howard University, Washington, D.C. After completing an internship at Los Angeles County General Hospital and a residency specialty in General Surgery from the VA Hospital in Tuskegee, Alabama he moved to Orlando and established his practice as a physician and general surgeon. At this time he joined Dr. J. Mark Cox (deceased) in practice at the Phillips Memorial Hospital. Later he and Dr. Cox co-founded Guardian Care Convalescent Center, Inc. in Orlando where he served as Vice-President from 1968-1985. From 1986 to the present he is serving as Medical Director.

His civic and professional affiliations have included board member of the American Cancer Society, The American Red Cross, Medical Director for the Urban League and the Honor House, and Commissioner on the board of the Orlando Housing Authority. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Dr. Bookhardt is a member of the Mt. Sinai SDA Church where he has served in many departments. His present committee affiliations include the daycare board, Health and Temperance, the music committee, and the Excelcians drama club. He is a member of the Sanctuary Choir, Grace Singers, and directs the male chorus.

He has been a member of the Central FL Oakwood College Alumni Association since relocating to Orlando and has supported the organization and college with his time and finances. He attends the homecoming events almost yearly and regularly attends the Rhyne Medical Seminars each year.

He is quite proud of being the second of four generations of his family to attend Oakwood College and never misses an opportunity to support and praise his dear old O.C.

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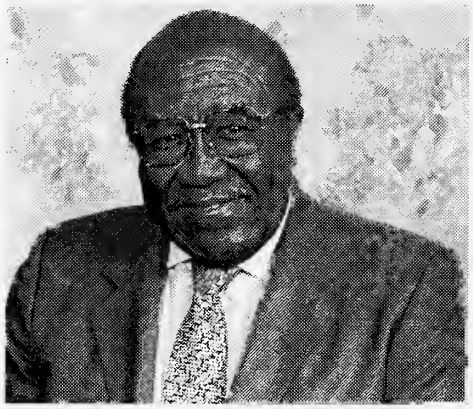

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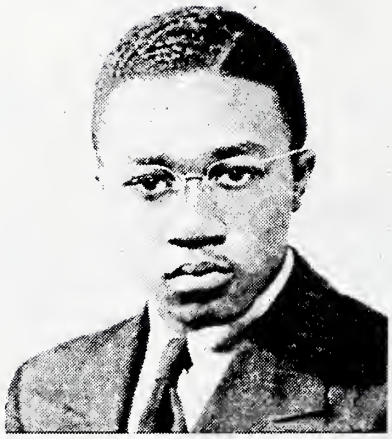

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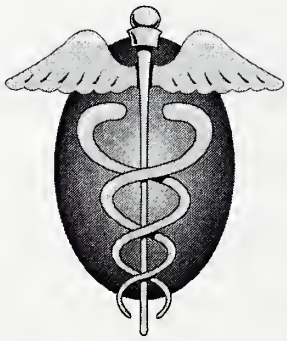

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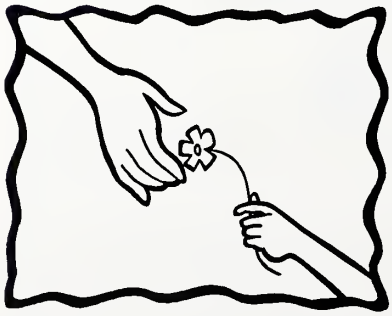

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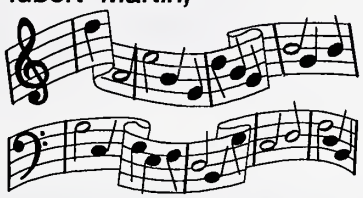

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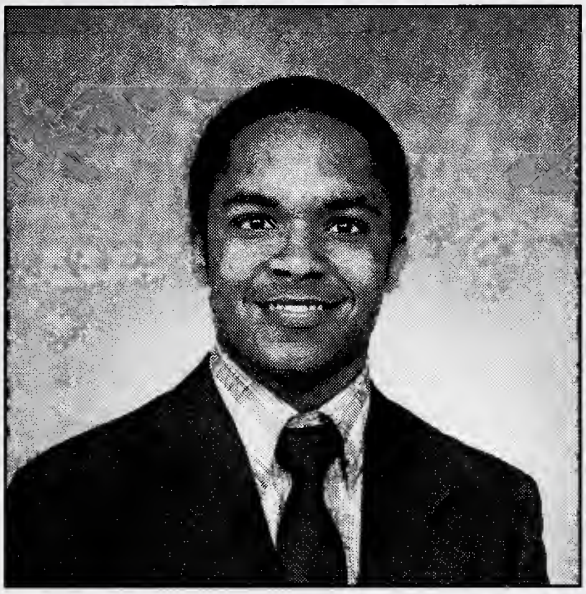


Danny Chandler

Born in Columbus, Mississippi, in 1962, Danny is the fourth of 5 children born to the late Ray C. Chandler, Sr. and Mary W. Bankhead Chandler. His parents joined the Seventh-day Adventist church under the evangelistic efforts of Elder Earl Howard and Elder J.P. "Pop" Willis in the late 1950's.

Danny graduated from S.D. Lee High in 1980 with several honors including DAR Citizenship Award, National Honor Society, ranked in the top 10 in the graduating class, Hall of Fame, Class Historian, and Senior Most Likely to Succeed.

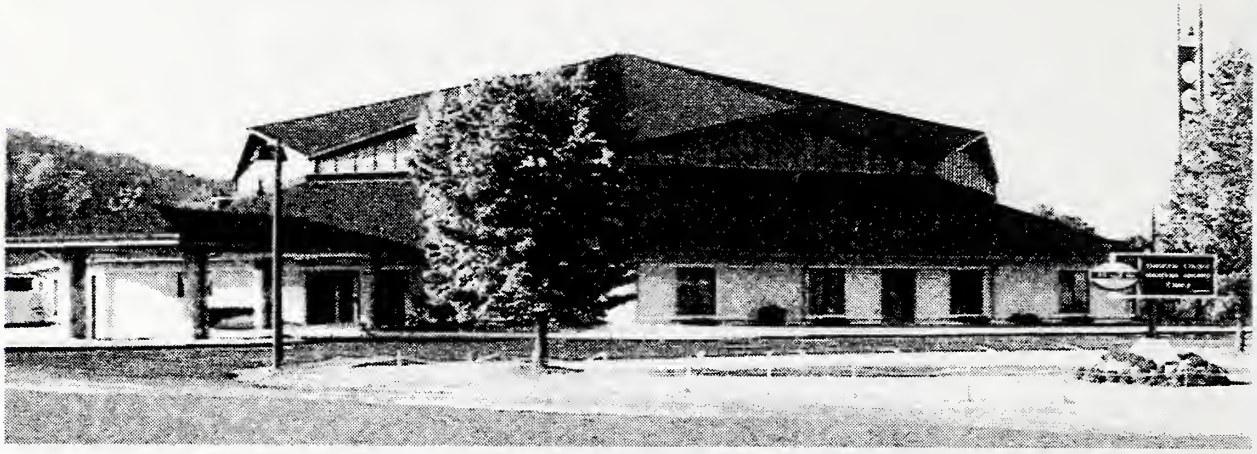
In August 1980, he began matriculating at Oakwood College. There he was involved in Oratorical and Poetry contests, worked with the yearbook staff, and played intramural sports. He held campus jobs as a Biology Lab Assistant, Resident Assistant, and Physics Lab Instructor. In 1984, he graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics and a minor in Chemistry. Other honors received at Oakwood include Scholastic Achievement Award and C.E. Mosely Pioneer Service Award.

After attending Mississippi State University where he took graduate courses in Statistics and taught undergraduate Math courses, he began work professionally with the Mississippi Department of Transportation in 1987. This same year, he married the former Reta Boone of Albany, Georgia, whom he met at Oakwood College. They have one son, Daniel Ryan.

Mr. Chandler has also earned an Associates degree in Accounting, and is trained as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). He is currently employed as a Business Systems Analyst with the Mississippi State Department of Health and an EMT with American Medical Response, in Jackson, Mississippi.

He has served in various offices in the local church, including Deacon, Sabbath School Superintendent, AYS Leader, Elder, Assistant to the Pastor, and Religious Liberty Leader. He is currently a member of the South Central Conference Executive Committee and a contributing writer for *Message Magazine* and *Signs of the Times*.

Mr. Chandler is most thankful for being led to start Mississippi FOCUS, a program that has great potential to give back to Oakwood College. It is an investment in our youth, and in doing the work of ministry. This scholarship program will help educate and train leaders to finish God's work.



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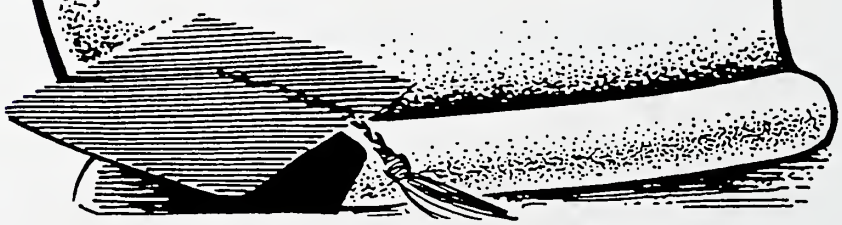

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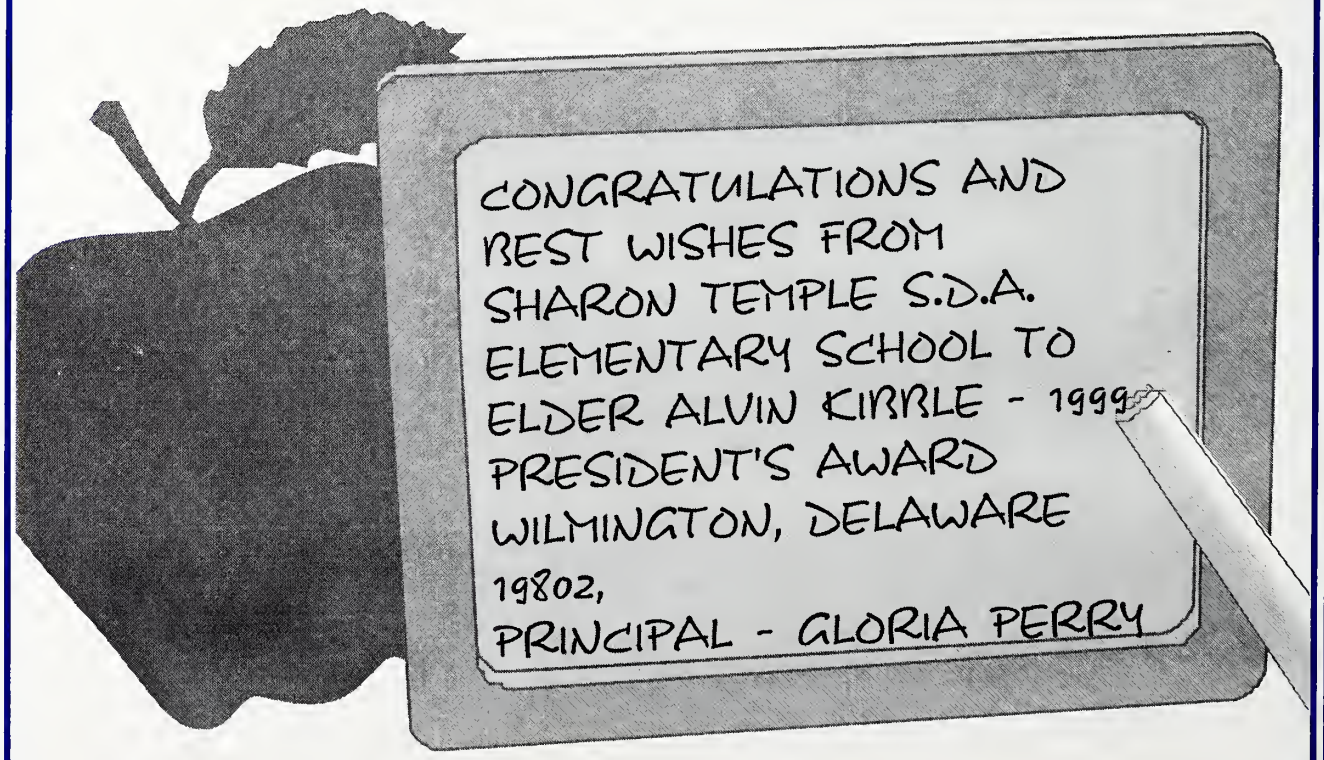

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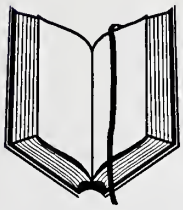

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We'll always be true to thee,
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Our dear Oakwood within whose vales
Thy standards will not fail;
Our hearts are filled with wondrous cheer
When thoughts of thee draw near.
We love thy pines, thy elms, thy oaks
And campus always green.
The many flowers and distant mounts,
Form one impressive scene.

Two

From states afar and isles of sea
Thy students come to thee,
And fain do linger in thy halls
Enlightened truthfully.
From nature's scenes they ever learn
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We'll pray for thee and toil.

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As happy birds come in the spring
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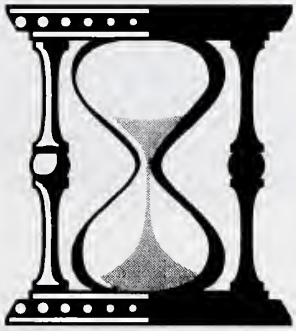

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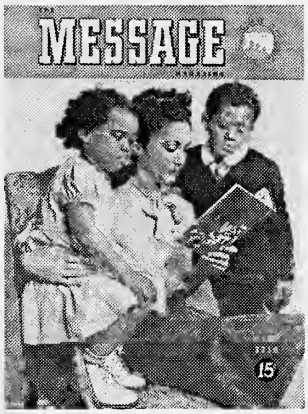

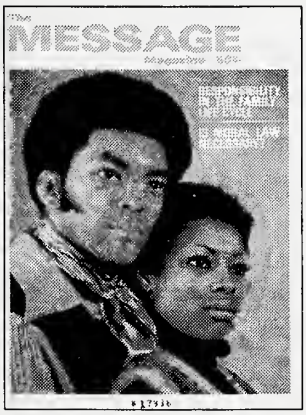

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